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In talks today Mitterrand, Reagan seek to repair ties

PARIS, March 11 (AP) — French President Francois Mitterrand will make a one-day trip to Washington Friday to try to stem growing deterioration in Franco-American relations.

Mitterrand, after last month's first-ever trip of a French president to Israel and with a new summit of industrialized countries coming up in France in June, requested the visit for "clarification" and to "explain different approaches" which have led to misunderstandings and even discord, official circles here said.

"We do not play with words. We are allies," Mitterrand told an American journalist several days ago. Top Mitterrand aide Pierre Beregovoy said this fourth meeting between the two presidents would be a "survey" not only "useful for the two countries but also would aid better mutual understanding between Europe and the United States."

The three hours of conversation scheduled should cover three main sources of contention between the two countries.

First are problems in Central America. U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has called the French position on the matter naive and romantic. France has supported a Mexican mediation proposal for violence-hit areas and recently sold arms to Nicaragua.

Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo's call in Managua in February to mediate con-

flicts in Central America was greeted warmly in Paris, where it was referred to in a cabinet meeting. Reports here that the United States had decided against planning a military intervention in El Salvador were also received with satisfaction in official circles here, where the point of view is that solutions in Nicaragua and El Salvador should be primarily political.

A second topic of conversation will be high U.S. interest rates, particularly in light of preparations for the summit of industrialized countries in June in Versailles, near Paris. France, West Germany and Italy agreed ten days ago to adopt measures, still unspecified, to resist the recessionary effects of Reagan monetary policy. The dear money policy practiced by the United States for the past 18 months has drained floating capital from the international money market.

The third topic will be East-West relations, with Mitterrand explaining France's refusal to meet American demands for economic sanctions against the Soviet Union and Poland for martial law in Poland. Government sources here said the American request has been "ambiguous" and neither well thought out nor well coordinated.

U.S. opposition to Europe's purchase of Soviet natural gas will probably only be mentioned in principle, following U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's comment that a failure of the Communist system should not turn into a crisis in the Atlantic Alliance.

Meanwhile, Mitterrand is expected to express dissatisfaction with the current state of the alliance, as he did to American journalist James Reston in February. Mitterrand also said in July, 1980 — before becoming president — that relations within the alliance need to be reexamined urgently.

U.S. leaders have shown concern over the weakening in the line taken by West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Mitterrand will also report on his trip to Israel and discuss his upcoming trip to Jordan, a month and a half after the Israeli evacuation of the Sinai is completed April 26.

Sex crimes jump 45% in Israel

TEL AVIV, March 11 (R) — Rape and other sex-related crimes jumped by 45 percent in Israel last year while murder and robbery dropped by about 10 percent, police said Thursday.

There were 277 cases of rape in 1981 compared with 192 the previous year, a police spokesman said. He added that the overall number of crimes committed last year was 243,406, compared with 267,004 in 1980.



NUCLEAR GAMES: Motorists in Fort Ord, California took second looks Tuesday as they passed this readiness exercise for nuclear accident control teams. More than 200 troops, especially trained to respond to nuclear or chemical attacks by terrorists participated in the drill. A special team from Fort Ord will respond to alerts in 18 states west of the Mississippi.

To embassy level

Berlin ups PLO status

BERLIN, March 11 (AP) — East Germany has granted full diplomatic status to the Palestine Liberation Organization, the East German news agency ADN said Wednesday.

The announcement came in a communiqué published by the official news agency after a two-day visit to East Germany by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. It said the PLO official in East Berlin had enjoyed diplomatic status for the last four years but that, in talks between Arafat and East German leader Erich Honecker, both sides had decided to grant the office the full diplomatic status of an embassy.

ADN said the decision was made because the PLO "is the legitimate and authentic representative of the Palestinian people." The

PLO chairman held talks with Honecker Tuesday and used a dinner hosted by the East German Communist Party and state chief to deliver a speech sharply attacking the United States for what Arafat termed "aggressive policies" threatening peace throughout the world, particularly in the Middle East.

In their dinner speeches, both Arafat and Honecker criticized the "strategic alliance" between the United States and Israel. Their criticism of the alliance was echoed in the communiqué, ADN said this alliance "is directed against all peoples in the region, especially the Palestinians" and is thus seen by both leaders as "especially dangerous."

ADN quoted the communiqué as saying that Arafat and Honecker "expressed their deep concern about the situation in the Middle East." "They decisively rejected the strengthening of U.S. military presence in the Middle East and in the Gulf region as well as its attempts to get control over states and subject them to its aims of confrontation," the communiqué said, according to ADN.

The communiqué also criticized the Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights last year and the building of settlements in Israeli-occupied territory.

Observers in East Berlin said the granting of full diplomatic status to the PLO office in the city underlined the East German wish to support the PLO at a time of increased tension in the Middle East. The action, seen as largely symbolic since the PLO office has enjoyed diplomatic status since 1978, was reinforced by the extensive coverage given to Arafat's visit in official Communist media and the military honors and personal welcome and farewell accorded to him by Honecker.

East Germany has long been a staunch supporter of the Palestinian cause. Arafat was an official guest at the celebrations of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the East German state in 1979 and was reported to have visited East Berlin last year for medical tests.

The current chairman, Kenyan President

British banks cut lending rates to 13 percent

LONDON, March 11 (R) — British banks cut their base lending rates to 13 percent Thursday, continuing a cautious downward trend in interest rates in Western Europe.

In Stockholm, the Bank of Sweden announced that it would reduce its discount rate to 10 percent from 11 percent Friday in an effort to spur low domestic investment and because of softening interest rates abroad. The moves are a response to a gradual easing of interest rates in the United States and reflect political pressure to give some stimulation to stagnant economies if it can be done without seriously weakening exchange rates.

The cut of half a percentage point by Britain's big banks was their sixth reduction in five months and followed the conservative government's pro-business budget. Barclays and Midland Banks took the lead in making the cut and other banks were expected to follow suit.

Political sources said the cut was good news for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's conservative government, which two days ago presented a budget designed to help industry reduce its costs in order to provide more jobs.

Thursday's reduction by the banks set the scene for a drop in politically-sensitive home mortgage rates, now at 15 percent. Building societies are expected to lower their rates Friday.

Sterling held steady on foreign exchange markets after the news, edging up to \$1.8105 from Wednesday's \$1.8103. British base rates have been coming down slowly but steadily since they were raised to 16 percent last October, when the government signaled it was worried about depreciation of sterling and saw little point in trying to resist the upward movement of U.S. interest rates.

West European governments and Japan have put heavy pressure on President Reagan to adopt policies that would bring down U.S. rates, pointing out that the high level of hor-

Daniel Arap Moi, said it was not an African problem at all but an Arab problem, and played in vain with the Arab League to take it off the OAU's back.

The former Spanish Sahara is a 120,000-square-mile wilderness on the Atlantic coast of North Africa long claimed by Morocco. When Spanish colonial rule ended in 1975, the territory had only 75,000 inhabitants who now live partly in the Sabra towns under Moroccan control and partly in refugee camps in the Algerian oasis of Tindouf.

The fighters, using funds and arms supplied by Algeria and Libya, attacked the Moroccan Army from sanctuaries in the Algerian Sahara. In seven years of continuous fighting, the Moroccan Army has lost an estimated 6,000 men. The war is currently costing Morocco more than \$2 million per day and has caused grave economic problems for Hassan.

With the desert war stalemate, Algeria and its "revolutionary" African friends launched an intensive campaign for Polisario's formal admission to the OAU, an action which would make the Moroccan presence in the territory illegal in African eyes.

Faced with this growing campaign, Hassan surprised last year's OAU summit in Nairobi, with the offer to hold a referendum among all the "genuine inhabitants" of the territory, including those living in Algeria. The Polisario immediately denounced the proposal as a "trick" and said there was no need for a referendum because the inhabitants had "already exercised their right to self-determination by choosing Polisario as their sole legitimate representative."

Surinam Army stages coup

THE HAGUE, March 11 (AP) — A coup by an army-police "liberation" group led by a sergeant-major Thursday overthrew the ruling "national military council" in the former Dutch colony of Surinam, according to reports reaching here from the country's capital Paramaribo.

The new leaders of the country, located in northern South America, are headed by a Sergeant-Major Gorre, who announced over the official radio that Surinam is now under the control of a "liberation council" and that an official communiqué will be issued "in a few hours." Reports said that former leader Lt. Col. Desi Bouterse, army chief and head of the military council that seized power in a 1980 coup, was arrested Thursday morning at the start of the coup, which was carried out by police officers and soldiers.

Sgt.-Maj. Gorre was one of the 16 soldiers who in February 1980 acted with Lt.-Col. Bouterse, himself a sergeant-major at the time, to overthrow the civilian government existing since independence in November 1975.

It was also reported that several members and former members of the military council had joined the coup. The army's loudspeaker system announced that a civilian government would be formed within the next 48 hours and free elections held within six months. Shooting was reported at army headquarters and the presidential palace, with several persons wounded, but the Surinam news agency, monitored here, has so far announced no fatalities.

The current chairman, Kenyan President

Rowing costs was delaying world economic recovery. Five major U.S. banks earlier this week cut their prime rate for corporate customers by half a percentage point to 16 percent although others have yet to follow.

American interest rates may drift down over the next few months because of weakness of the economy, analysts say, but there is concern that large budget deficits and consequent heavy government borrowing could push them up again later.

In Stockholm, the Bank of Sweden

announced it would cut the rate it charges on loans to 10 percent from 11 percent Friday in an effort to spur low domestic investment and because of softening interest rates abroad.

Central Bank Governor Lars Wohlin said the interest rate policy of his bank had to take into account both the external and domestic financial and economic scene.

"The previous strong rise in the level of interest rates in the United States has subsided and has recently been followed by a slight decrease," he said in a statement.

Thatcher cabinet approves Trident

LONDON, March 11 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's conservative cabinet Thursday gave the go-ahead to buy the advanced U.S. Trident II nuclear missile system, government sources said.

The cabinet's controversial decision to arm Britain with the highly expensive Trident D-5 missiles was finalized at the morning cabinet meeting, and Defense Secretary John Nott was due to make a full statement in the House of Commons later Thursday.

There was no immediate announcement on cost. But it is expected to total more than \$12.7 billion over the next 15 years to equip the Royal Navy with a fleet of four submarines carrying 16 Trident missiles, each with 14 warheads.

Critics, including the major opposition Labor and Social Democratic parties, estimate the eventual cost will be as high as \$18 billion.

The campaign for nuclear disarmament reacted to Thursday's decision by calling for a referendum which it claimed would show a majority against Trident. "The peace movement will not rest until Trident in any form has been canceled and the government

With world oil glut

U.S. embargo will worsen Libya's problems

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP) — The Reagan administration's decision to halt imports of Libyan oil will add to pressures on Libya as a result of the world oil glut, analysts predicted Wednesday.

The Washington administration also said Wednesday it would place controls on exports of oil production equipment to the North African country. Both actions, which had been expected since late last month, reflect U.S. government efforts to sever ties with Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi because of his alleged support for terrorists.

The United States currently imports about 150,000 barrels of Libyan oil a day, or about three percent of total U.S. imports and less than one percent of U.S. oil consumption. That is in sharp contrast to a year ago, when U.S. imports from Libya averaged nearly 500,000 barrels a day.

With the current worldwide oil glut, the United States will have no problem replacing its Libyan imports. "The effect on the United States is quite trivial," said Bob Krol, a Middle East economic specialist at Security Pacific National Bank in Los Angeles. The embargo also should have little effect on the five U.S. oil companies operating in Libya. They have sharply reduced the amount of oil they buy from Libya because of Libya's high price.

The companies apparently will not be prohibited from operating in Libya. Exxon Corp.

further intensify the pressure on them to lower their prices."

Meanwhile, a leading Kuwaiti newspaper Thursday charged U.S. economic sanctions against Libya were a prelude to a military attack against the radical Arab state.

The daily *Al-Rai Al-Am* called on all Arabs to rally to Libya's aid "because the American aggression is directed at Arabs."

An editorial commen added that the United States planned to strike at Libya "using the Israeli air force as a tool, so that Washington would not appear directly involved."

The charges against Libya "are a mere pretext," *Al-Rai Al-Am* said.

French arms sales net \$5.6b

PARIS, March 11 (AP) — France's arms exports in 1981 earned 33,800 million francs (about \$6.6 billion) of which 71.6 percent was paid by countries in the Middle East and North Africa. Defense Minister Charles Hernu told the National Assembly's Defense Commission here Thursday.

North America and countries in Western Europe bought 9.5 percent of the total, and Latin American countries 7.4 percent, black Africa took 5.3 percent of the total exports, and the far east five percent.

Eastern European countries bought arms

worth 400 million francs (about \$66 million) or 1.2 percent of the total, but the minister did not give details of what equipment was involved.

The minister said that France's arms export policy was marked firstly by respect for deals already made so as to ensure the government's credibility, and then by a progressive change in direction toward helping selected countries to develop their own defensive systems so that they could move away from alignment on either of the two superpowers, Defense Ministry sources said.

Grain silos chief says

State incentives boost wheat produce

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 11 — The Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization purchases local wheat produce at a price five times higher than the imported wheat, according to Dr. Ahmad Al-Shinawi, the organization's director general.

He told *Al-Riyadh* Thursday that the Kingdom's wheat production is rising steadily as a result of the incentive scheme pursued by the state. Shinawi added that the wheat expected to be purchased by the organization this year is estimated at 180,000 tons from various parts of the country.

The Central Region yields about 140,000 tons of the total from its farms in Riyadh, Kharj, Hard, Wadi Al-Dawasir, Sulail, Afaj, Sudair, Washeem, Hall, and Qasim. The rest comes from the Northern and Southern regions, Shinawi said.

Speaking about the organization's projects, he said that the Khamis Mushayt silos project has been completed recently with a total storage capacity of 40,000 tons. It will receive the wheat production of the Southern Region now, he added. A flour mill and fodder plant will be constructed into the project to make an integrated scheme, Shinawi said.

Faisal inspects sports complexes

DAMMAM, March 11 (SPA) — Saudi President Prince Faisal ibn Fahd inspected Thursday the presidency's installations in the Eastern Province. He also visited the new sports complex of Qadisiya club in Alkohar, a project being constructed under the presidency's program to build modern complexes for all sports clubs in the country.

Prince Faisal also inspected the progress of work at the Alkohar Sports City and urged workers to double their efforts to that the project can be completed on schedule. He

Meanwhile, a consulting house entrusted with field studies has completed its studies about the areas of wheat production in the Kingdom to determine sites for grain silos projects. In the light of the studies, funds will be allocated for silo projects during the

1982-83 budget, *Al-Riyadh* said.

Shinawi said that self-sufficiency in wheat production is governed by water resources and irrigation methods in the first place. However, the past four years, during which many silos projects were implemented and an incentive policy was pursued, witnessed a considerable increase in the wheat production. The organization will maintain this policy for a few more years, he added.

The existing silos store strategic wheat reserves which can meet the Kingdom's demands for more than six months, according to Shinawi.

With the inauguration of the Jeddah silos project in 1979, the organization has achieved most of its objectives under the second development plan. There are now three integrated grain, flour and fodder complexes in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam, in addition to the silos complexes in Qasim and Khamis Mushayt.

The organization's third development plan program includes building a third flour mill at Riyadh's complex to produce 400 tons of wheat and 70 tons of bran daily. An expansion similar to Khamis Mushayt's is to be carried out in Qasim, adding more silos, a flour mill and a millifeed plant. A flour mill and millifeed plant also is planned for Jizan.

The total financial requirements for the organization under the third plan have been set at SR2.74 billion at 1979-80 prices.

Bribery, forgery offenders punished

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 11 — Another list of people incriminated in forgery and bribery cases and penalized for their crimes was publicized Thursday by the Interior Ministry. It pointed out that the indictments were made public only after ratification by the King of the sentences pronounced by the tribunal of the Complaints Bureau.

According to the ministry's statement, an Indian, Babu Jacob Rachel, who falsified bills to conceal a fuel shortage he was responsible for was sentenced to one year prison and a SR1,000 fine.

Taf Hussain Muhammad Hussain, a Pakistani national, forged official stamps of Suwaid Al-Ajam establishment and the Civil Affairs Department, as well as passports and Iqamas (residence permits) has been sentenced to three years imprisonment and SR3,000.

A Yemeni, Muhammad Ali Abdullah, was caught red-handed while offering a bribe and the court sentenced him to six months imprisonment and confiscated the SR200 involved in the affair.

Ndman Aldo Saleh, a Saudi national, was also caught offering a bribe, which led him to a six-month prison sentence. Another Saudi national, Sha'ie Ali Muhammad Al-Ghamdi, requested and accepted a bribe and was sen-



(Photo by Giovanni Pasquale)

BEAUTIFICATION: One of Jeddah's new decorative monuments located at the Corniche area which is under development to provide recreation for the city. It will extend 70 kilometers north and south of Jeddah.

GCC arming strategy urged

By Oman foreign minister

MUSCAT, March 11 (SPA) — Oman's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Yusuf Al-Alawi Abdullah Thursday called for evolving a unified strategy to arm the Gulf Cooperation Council member states. He said that such a quest becomes necessary and rational after the strides made in GCC military cooperation along a preconceived strategy.

In a statement published by the Omani magazine *Jay*, Al-Alawi stressed that the responsibility for defending the countries of the area lies solely on its own nationals "because they alone can do that."

Alawi said that the Zionist threat was directed against the entire area, including the Gulf, just as communism is a direct threat to everyone's existence. He also renewed his

country's support to the Saudi Arabian eight-point peace plan set forth by Crown Prince Fahd. Such a plan guarantees the legitimate Arab rights the way the Arabs want it, he said.

In a separate development in Sharjah, the Nutrition Committee stemming from the Arab Gulf health ministerial council Thursday drew up a comprehensive report on the proposed establishment of a nutrition center for the council members. The report will be submitted to the ministers at the next conference for consideration and approval.

The report outlines the basic principles for the creation of the center and its future functions. The center will train experts on nutrition, food quality control, laboratory work, health inspection and other activities.

Polaroid introduces new series

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 11 — Polaroid has, for the first time in the Kingdom, introduced the new 600 series cameras for instant pictures in any light with the help of the world's fastest rated color print film, according to David M. Everard, export manager of the Polaroid (Europa), Amsterdam.

He made the remark to *Arab News* on the occasion of a photographic dealers' meeting organized at the Hyatt Regency Hotel here Thursday by their distributor in Saudi Arabia, Abdul Ghani El-Ajou Corporation. The meeting aims at introducing five different models for the new system of photography developed by the company.

Everard said, it was introduced in the U.S. and selected European countries late last year and now "we are doing it in Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait and Oman." He

claimed it was very well received in the U.S. and the U.K., and has captured nearly 70 percent of the instant photography market in the U.S. The annual exports by Polaroid average \$500 million, of which Saudi Arabia accounts for nearly \$10 million, he added.

Sameer Darwazeh, general manager of the distributor, said that the company has been Polaroid distributor since 1968 and hope to market about 70,000 to 80,000 cameras yearly. The new system blends natural light with the flash light, by using faster 600 ASA film, and a variable aperture/shutter system.

Each 600 film pack contains a powerful wafer thin battery, eliminating the need for extra batteries for electronic flash and motorized picture ejection system, Darwazeh added. Photo division chief Razmik Avakian said that there is sonar auto-focusing, which gives the latest technology to the buyer at the same price of other products available in the market.

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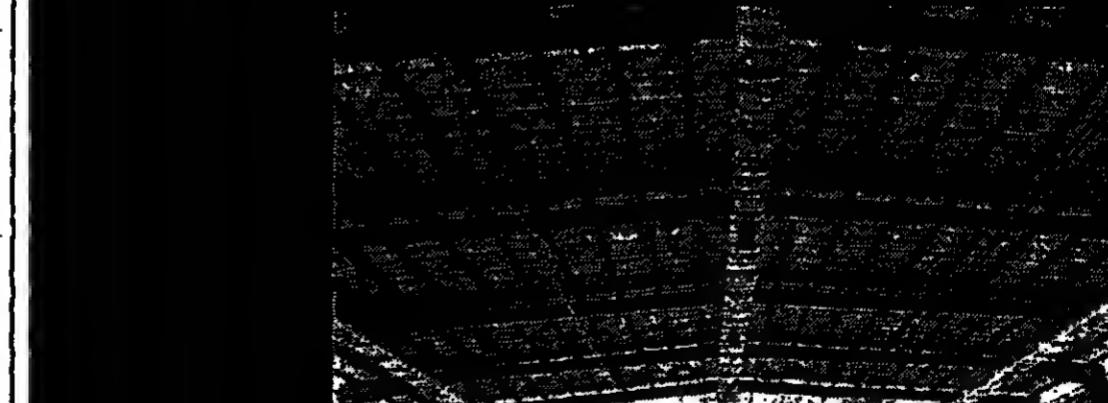
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Iran plans intelligence ministry

BEIRUT, March 11 (AP) — Plagued by underground leftist guerrillas, the regime of Ayatollah Khomeini is planning to set up a ministry of intelligence and security, Tehran radio reported Thursday.

The radio said a bill has been handed to the Iranian parliament to approve the ministry's formation. This is the first time Khomeini regime has spoken of a formal intelligence-gathering organization. Although soon after

the 1979 revolution, the regime announced that a national security organization might replace the dreaded Savak secret police of the late Shah.

Savak agents, trained by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and Israel's security police Mossad, was one of the most notorious security organizations, feared by Iranians throughout the world. Analysts believe that Savak's sometime ruthless methods of torture used on political prisoners turned otherwise contented Iranians against the Shah.

It is not clear where the new security officials will be trained, but sources in Tehran have indicated several former Savak officials are presently helping the Khomeini regime to harness urban guerrilla activity which has claimed the lives of more than 1,000 officials in the past eight months, according to official reports. Last Oct. 13, a group of 15 Soviet-Iran specialists arrived in Tehran amid reports they may be asked by Tehran authorities to aid in security matters.

Meanwhile, the majority of Iran's parliament members have signed a petition pledging to continue the war with neighboring Iraq "until final victory," Tehran radio reported Thursday. The radio said 140 members of the parliament signed the petition echoing the words of Khomeini Tuesday who stressed there would be no peace with Iraq.

The letter by the Majlis deputies once again indicated that Khomeini, 81, exercises impressive control in the country, and his actions are approved by the Majlis, dominated by the Islamic Republican Party.

Meanwhile, two bombs exploded Wednesday outside cafes just north of Beirut, injuring between 10 and 12 persons, the Phalangist radio said. The blasts followed a series of car bomb explosions in areas of Lebanon in which at least 17 persons were killed and about 120 injured.

Kuwait recalls envoy from Beirut

BEIRUT, March 11 (Agencies) — The ambassador of Kuwait and two other Kuwaiti diplomats have returned home for an indefinite period because of the security situation in Beirut, Kuwaiti embassy sources said Thursday.

The diplomats and their families left following a series of car-bomb blasts which have rocked mainly West Beirut in recent weeks, the sources said. One diplomat was left at the embassy, they added. Lebanese Foreign Ministry sources said Ambassador Abdul-Hamid Bejjani had left "without informing the ministry, but on inquiring it was told he would be away for a few days."

In Kuwait, the daily *Al-Anbaassid* the embassy staff had been recalled from Lebanon following reports of kidnap threats

against some of them.

Their departure comes just over two weeks after the Kuwaiti parliament voted to stop paying its share to help Syria maintain 22,000 soldiers in Lebanon policing the armistice that ended the 1973-76 Lebanese civil war. The Syrians are in Lebanon under an Arab League mandate. A day after the vote in Kuwait, gunmen with links to the Amal commanded a Kuwaiti airliner at Beirut airport.

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Habib returns to U.S. after talks

BEIRUT, March 11 (AP) — American troubleshooter Philip C. Habib wound up a 14-day Middle Eastern shuttle Thursday and flew to Washington to report to U.S. President Ronald Reagan on the outcome of his effort to prevent a war between Israel and Palestinians.

Habib made no departure statement. But the leading Lebanese newspaper *An Nahar* quoted Lebanese President Elias Sarkis as telling his cabinet Habib "appeared to have succeeded" in preserving the South Lebanon ceasefire "though not as much as we wished."

The situation remains explosive."

An Nahar is known to be close to Sarkis, with whom Habib conferred Tuesday and Thursday after two visits to Israel and one to each of Syria and Jordan since Feb. 26, the day Habib began his 5th Middle Eastern shuttle in 11 months by flying in to Lebanon.

All Lebanese newspapers quoted unnamed government sources here as saying Habib had assured that Israel would not invade South Lebanon unless provoked by Palestinians.

Zia briefs Hussein on peace mission

AMMAN, March 11 (R) — President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan arrived from Ankara Thursday on a two-day visit to Jordan. He had stopped overnight in Turkey after a one-day official visit to Syria Wednesday.

His talks with King Hussein and senior government officials covered issues of common interest and bilateral relations. Royal Palace statement said. Well-informed sources said President Zia, who is a member of an Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) mediation mission trying to end the Gulf war between Iraq and Iran, briefed King Hussein on the results of its efforts.

The disputed strip of land is less than one kilometer wide.

Israelis reject arbitration plea on Sinai border

Tel Aviv, March 11 (AFP) — Israel has rejected Egypt's proposal for international arbitration in a dispute over their new Sinai border where it passes by the Red Sea resort of Eilat.

Citing authoritative sources, Israeli radio said Thursday that after a scrupulous study of the region, the government was satisfied its positioning of the border was correct, and it would not submit to international arbitration. The Israeli Defense Ministry refused to comment on the radio report.

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PLO official, Cheysson hold talks

PARIS, March 11 (AP) — A top official of the Palestinian Liberation Organization met Thursday with French External Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson to express dissatisfaction with the positions France took during President Francois Mitterrand's visit to Israel last week.

After the 45-minute session, Farouk Kadoumi, head of the PLO's political department, said he deplored the fact that France gave priority to the existence and security of Israel over satisfying "the legitimate rights of the Palestinians, 'victims of aggression.'" He said he hoped France would adopt positive attitudes toward the Palestinians.

Kadoumi said the talks with Cheysson were frank, indicating there was disagreement. French officials characterized the session as cordial. Kadoumi said the question of an eventual visit to France by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat did not come up because it was not "appropriate in the present circumstances."

After a recent trip to the Middle East,

Reagan, Barre to discuss Libya

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan is meeting with the president of Somalia one day after saying the United States will stop buying oil from Libya, one of Somalia's arch rivals.

The White House meeting Thursday between Reagan and President Muhammad Siad Barre was certain to discuss the activities of Col. Muammar Qaddafi of Libya.

A senior administration official said anti-Somali activities have increased since Libya signed an agreement with South Yemen and Ethiopia last year. The official, who asked

Withdraw from Afghanistan, W. Germany tells Russians

BONN, March 11 (AP) — The West German government renewed its call Thursday for a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan and warned Moscow against the "illusory hope" it can wear down Afghan resistance.

The appeal in name of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's government was delivered before parliament by Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, who called Afghanistan a "test" of Soviet responsibility in the era of detente. "In Moscow, there is apparently the view that one only needs to maintain steady nerves and prepare for a years-long struggle against the Afghan people," Genscher told the delegates. "Then one day victory will fall into the lap of overwhelming Soviet power. We warn against such speculation. It will turn out to be just as illusory as the Soviet hope that one day political forces in Afghanistan can be won over to Soviet policy."

Genscher charged that Soviet moves in Afghanistan were part of an "overall strategy" of exploiting areas of instability "where this seems possible without great risk."

"Concretely spoken, it is a manifestation of

Before House Committee

Weinberger urges arms for Jordan

By Tom Martella
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 10 — Thracians from Syria and Iran provoked Jordan's interest in buying mobile-based Hawk anti-aircraft missiles. U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger told Congressmen Thursday.

"They (the missiles) would be used to protect the air space of Jordan against any incursion," said the secretary, telling the House Committee on Foreign Affairs that Jordan said its "immediate concern" is Damascus and Tehran. Calling U.S. arm sales an attempt to "build a network of friendship," the secretary acknowledged that allocations for such deals rose from \$9 billion in fiscal 1981 to \$25 billion this fiscal year. Rep. Lee Hamjyoun, D-Ind., called that "an enormous increase in one year's time" and asked if more likes were down the road. Said Weinberger: "Unfortunately, yes."

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discuss Libya

not to be identified, said Libyan money was "in a great way" responsible for the anti-Somali activity.

The Libyans have made it clear, Qaddafi has stated publicly, that it is an aim of his government to overthrow the government of Muhammad Siad Barre," said the senior administration official. "Certainly, this will be a part of what he wants to talk to President Reagan ... about," the official said.

He said Qaddafi was seeking Barre's overthrow "because the Somalis have given us access to the facilities out there."

Syria claims 2 Iraqis held with bombs

DAMASCUS, March 11 (R) — Syrian authorities say they have arrested two Iraqis who drove into the country in a car loaded with explosives intending to blow it up outside a government building in Damascus.

State-controlled Syrian television Wednesday night showed the two men and a car it is said they had been driving with explosives packed in the petrol tank. The men alleged they had been given their orders by a half-brother of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, the television said.

One of them, identified as Rasim Ibrahim Youssef, claimed he had a week's training in a camp in Baghdad before being supplied with forged Syrian identity papers and the car.

Turkish Army authorities summon Ecevit

ANKARA, March 11 (R) — Former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit was summoned by martial law authorities Thursday, apparently in connection with an investigation into the activities of his now-banned political party before the Sept. 1980 coup.

Ecevit told reporters he had been asked to appear before a military prosecutor at an army base outside Ankara but did not know why. Friends said he feared the military authorities might be planning a "political trial" against him.

He revealed Wednesday that the authorities had turned down his request to leave Turkey for a lecture trip to the U.S. because of an investigation into his left-of-centre Republican Peoples Party (RPP).

the overall strategy in the Middle Eastern area of pressing toward "warm waters" and at the same time of winning influence over the energy sources and raw materials of the region," he added.

Meanwhile, Afghan Defense Minister Brig. Muhammad Rafi returned to Kabul Wednesday after a 10-month "study tour" in Moscow, the state-owned Radio Kabul reported Thursday. The radio, monitored in Islamabad, said several other key officials of the Soviet-backed regime of President Babrak Karmal also returned to the Afghan capital Wednesday.

It was not immediately clear why the Afghan defense minister had been away from his post for 10 months since he is considered to be close to the Karmal regime and is a member of the Parcham (Flag) wing of Karmal's ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan.

But informed Western diplomatic sources here said they understood that Rafi and several other Afghan officials and diplomats are returning home to attend a ruling party convention.

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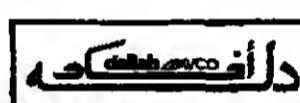
Weinberger said he'd be prepared to recommend sales of the mobile-based missiles to Jordan. But he has said that no sales are pending. Israel has protested the idea, but Weinberger did not mention Israel Thursday.

Weinberger repeated his assertion that the United States has lost ground to the Soviets and must rearm and modernize both to protect itself and to assume a tenable negotiating stance for arms limitations.

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Six suspects arrested

Presidential palace in Peru hit by blasts

LIMA, Peru, March 11 (AP) — Terrorists hurled five lighted dynamite sticks onto the roof of the presidential palace Wednesday night with ancient Indian weapons — slingshots. A spokesman for President Fernando Belaunde Terry said both he and his wife Violeta were in another wing of the palace, and nobody was hurt.

Police sources said six suspects were arrested, including a 23-year-old Austrian, in a hotel from which they believed the dynamite was fired.

Another explosion destroyed a transmission line from a hydroelectric power station southeast of Lima, causing a partial blackout

Gen. Armada denies hand in Spain plot

MADRID, March 11 (AP) — Accused Maj. Gen. Alfonso Armada stood firm under questioning that he was not involved in a military plot to overthrow Spain's democracy more than one year ago by masterminding a seizure of parliament and installing himself as the new head of government.

Faced with a barrage of confounding testimony from other defendants, the former deputy army chief of staff and longtime ex-military adviser to the king was asked who was telling the truth.

"I think I am telling the truth," he told Wednesday the court-martial trying him, 31 other officers and one civilian. He added: "I don't say the others lie but they may have had impressions that are not exact."

Armada testified on cross examination in the 13th day of the court-martial, denying again that he gave the order to alleged plotters to understand that King Juan Carlos either knew or approved of the coup attempt.

The 44-year-old monarch squelched the revolt on Feb. 23, 1981 by ordering rebel Lt. Gen. Milans del Bosch to get his tanks off the street and ordering the rest of the armed forces confined to barracks.

The bloodless overthrow attempt collapsed 18 hours after civil guard Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero led 288 paramilitary civil guards into parliament and held the government and entire lower house hostage at gunpoint.

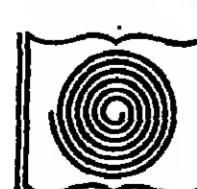
Tejero has testified by deposition that he was under orders of Gen. Milans and that Gen. Armada was involved in the conspiracy. Asked twice if he thought Milans was lying when he said Armada had told him the king approved of the plot, Armada dodged a direct reply by saying Milans "was not misinterpreting the truth." Armada was not asked to elaborate.

The former head of the king's military household also was questioned on testimony that he wore a white shirt and black tie with his general's uniform when he entered parliament, according to his defense, to try to get Tejero to surrender. By army regulations, white shirts in uniform are used for special occasions.

Armada denied he wore a white shirt and said photographs would prove his shirt was regulations khaki. The prosecution is asking 30 years imprisonment for military rebellion for Armada, Milans and Tejero and prison terms from 18 months to 20 years for the other accused plotters.

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The king of trains

Orient Express making a comeback

PARIS, March 11 (AP) — Five years after limped out of service with only a shadow of its past glory, the *Orient Express* is back in Paris in preparation for a nostalgic and luxurious return to the railroad tracks of Europe this spring.

Four renovated cars of the train are at Paris' Austerlitz station until Thursday for a sneak preview of the services that will be offered when the Venice-Simplon *Orient Express* begins its maiden voyage May 25 from London's Victoria station.

"This is not a trip for an average traveler," said Joelle Pierrard, a spokeswoman for a private company restoring the service for well-off travelers. "It is designed for people who want to return to the day when train travel could be a luxurious event."

It is also designed for people who are willing to forego cheaper and faster air travel for a voyage that attempts to recapture a part of the past.

In its heyday, the original *Orient Express* was one of the swankiest trains in the world. It carried royalty and the very rich in a pampered setting that included the best of food, furnishings and services.

Its route through Europe to the Turkish capital of Istanbul, then known as Constantinople, became the setting for numerous books and films including Alfred Hitchcock's *The Lady Vanishes* and Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*.

The treaty that ended World War I was signed in a car of the *Orient Express*. That car later became a symbol of revenge for Hitler, who captured it during World War II and burned it.

In the years after World War II, the advance of air travel cut deeply into the services of the *Orient Express*. When it made its last trip from Paris in May 1977, it contained only four rather run-down cars.

Although there currently is a train called the *Orient Express* that travels from Paris to Vienna, it offers only regular services. It carries neither the cars nor glamor of the original *Orient Express*, which crossed six nations and was described as "the king of trains and the train of kings."

The comeback of a luxury-class *Orient Express* is the brainchild of British businessman James Sherwood, who began purchasing original cars of the train four months after its final 3,000-kms journey

from Paris to Istanbul.

After a renovation program that cost an estimated \$1.8 million, Sherwood is banking on the prospect that there are enough of a certain kind of travelers to make the train profitable.

The *Orient Express* made its first appearance 99 years ago and was hailed as Europe's first luxury train. In the following years, not all of its routes actually went as far as Istanbul. Neither does the renovated version of the privately-run tourist train.

The new *Orient Express* will follow a route from London, across the English Channel, over to Paris and through Milan before ending up in Venice. Its 16 sleeping, dining and day cars are in a 1930s style as are the uniforms of the train's personnel.

The 23-hour trip from London to Venice will cost about \$450 for a one-way ticket — slightly more than a first-class air ticket. It is scheduled to leave three times a week from Victoria station with seats for 180 passengers.

The train's organizers say 22,000 places will be available in 1982 and that reservations already have been made for 8,000 of them.

Soviet team to discuss defense ties with Indians

NEW DELHI, March 11 (AFP) — Soviet Defense Minister Marshal Dmitri Ustinov will begin a high-powered six-day visit to India next Monday expected to cover military cooperation between the two countries which is already extensive.

According to informed sources, talks with new Indian counterpart R. Venkataraman would include procedural hitches in deliveries of Soviet spares, upgrading of technology, and further Soviet aid to help India become self-sufficient in defense production.

The Soviet Union accounts for 60 percent of India's arms imports. An Indian official spokesman said no new arms deals would be discussed, but the usually well-informed daily newspaper *Hindu* said future Indian needs would be assessed. The Indian Defense Ministry is attaching great importance to the visit, the first by a Soviet defense minister in seven years.

Its significance in Indian eyes may be judged by the decision of the chief of the Indian army staff, Gen. V.K. Krishnan Rao, to postpone a visit to France due to begin on Sunday, so he can meet Marshal Ustinov.

However, the Indian air chief, Air Marshal Dilbagh Singh, left for London on a nine-day tour Wednesday. Informed air force sources said that he might cut short his trip to Britain, but there was no official confirmation.

Marshal Ustinov will be accompanied by chiefs of the Soviet Navy and Air Force and deputy chief of the army, besides a number of other senior military officers and experts on Indo-Soviet relations and defense matters.

Even Marshal Ustinov's nide-de-camp is a lieutenant general, and his delegation will include members with the rank of marshal of the Soviet Union, *Hindu*, a conservative English-language daily, noted.

"It is the first time that any country, including the Soviet Union, has chosen to send a top military delegation on what is essentially a goodwill visit," the paper said.

Marshal Ustinov and his team will visit the west coast city of Bombay to see Indian Navy vessels, a forward air base to see Indian skills in flying MiG-21 and MiG-23 aircraft, and the armored corps center in Bahria, near Jhansi Madhya Pradesh, to watch an army exercise. The last Soviet defense minister to visit India was Marshal Andrei Grechko in 1975. Jagjivan Ram, then Indian defense minister, visited the Soviet Union during the Janata Party rule in 1978.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Army newspaper *Red Star* Thursday accused the United States of encouraging separatist movements in India as part of an "anti-Indian" policy directed against Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The newspaper also suggested that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was involved in an attempt in April, 1981, to sabotage a plane that was to take Mrs. Gandhi to Switzerland. Four persons were arrested in connection with the sabotage.

The separatist movements, which are particularly active in the northeastern corner of India, were spawned in the 1950s. *Red Star* said they began "under the influence of agents from the U.S. intelligence services disguised as Baptist missionaries."

The newspaper also said Washington's anti-Indian policies were demonstrated by its strengthened presence in the Indian Ocean. The United States is "particularly irritated" by friendly relations between New Delhi and Moscow, it said.

Bank linked to crime, CIA

Australian minister denies probe cover-up

CANBERRA, Australia, March 11 (AP) — Deputy Prime Minister Doug Anthony denied Thursday that he blocked an investigation into an Australian bank that allegedly served as a go-between for drug interests, organized crime and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Anthony made the denial on parliament after Labor Party leader Bill Hayden asked him to explain allegations by a former Australian narcotics bureau officer that he had ordered a halt to the investigation into the Nugan Hand Bank.

"I have no knowledge of what is going on and I have had no connection with Nugan Hand. These are nothing but speculative matters by the opposition," Anthony said.

The merchant bank has been under scrutiny by the New South Wales state government since co-founder Frank Nugan was found shot dead in his car near Sydney in January 1980. His American partner, Michael Hand, disappeared and the bank went into liquidation.

Since then Australian newspapers have carried unsourced stories of the bank's alleged connections with the CIA organized

crime, the international drug trade and money laundering.

Former narcotics investigator Joe Volkman said in a television interview Thursday that Anthony had directed that no action be taken on the investigation and that an informant in the bank had described Michael Hand as a present or former CIA officer.

Volkman said the bank had branches in Argentina, Chile, Germany, Italy, Malaysia, Panama, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Britain, Washington, San Francisco and the U.S. states of Hawaii and Maryland and had been set up to launder money and deal in drugs.

"It was for the laundering of money and the marrying of two organization — the CIA and organized crime," he said.

Volkman said he had resigned from the narcotics bureau because he and three other investigators were victimized. "We believe it was because we were gathering information on the Nugan Hand organization and I got to a point where I could take no more," he said.

Little has emerged to substantiate Volkman's allegations. However, several retired U.S. military officers held senior posts in the

Journey disc makes trip to top spot

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP) — The group Journey and their "Open Arms" embraced the No. 1 position Wednesday among best selling single pop records in the United States. Journey's trip to the top was fast. The disc was fifth two weeks ago and second last week.

After enjoying a six-week stay in the top spot, the J. Geils Band's "Centerfold" finally slipped to second in the *Cashbox* magazine chart. Stevie Wonder's "That Girl" hopped up one notch to third place.

Last week's No. 3 hit, "Shake It Up" by the Cars, dropped to fifth place. Only one newcomer made its way into the top ten pop list this week — "Pac-Man Fever" by Buckner and Garcia, up from 11th to 9th.

As for the week's country and western singles, Rosanne Cash made it to the top of the *Cashbox* magazine chart with "Blue Moon With Heartache." Janie Fricke stayed on in second place with "Do Me With Love" and Charley Pride was third with "Mountain of Love."

The ten top pop singles, as rated by *Cashbox*, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) Do Me With Love — Janie Fricke.
2. (1) Mountain of Love — Charley Pride.
3. (5) Bobbie Sue — The Oak Ridge Boys.
4. (6) She Left Love All Over Me — Razzo Bailey.
5. (7) Big City — Merle Haggard.
6. (8) The Very Best Is You — Charly McClain.
8. (9) The Clown — Conway Twitty.
9. (10) If You're Waiting on Me — The Kandals.
10. (12) Another Sleepless Night — Anne Murray.

In Britain, "Tight Fit" stayed snug atop the best-selling singles chart this week with "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" in a list dominated by new romantics, new wavers and the odd rocker. Las Vegas-born Toni Basil, a one-time rock choreographer, made it to No. 2 with "Mickey," which she usually performs decked out like a cheerleader.

This week's chart, as listed by *Melody Maker*, with last week's placings in brackets:

1. (1) The Lion Sleeps Tonight — Tight Fit.
2. (6) Mickey — Toni Basil.
3. (5) It Ain't What You Do — Fun Boy 3-Bananarama.
4. (4) Love Plus One — Haircut One Hundred.
5. (3) Shake It Up — The Cars.
6. (5) I Can't Go for That — Daryl Hall and John Oates.
7. (8) Mirror, Mirror — Diana Ross.
8. (10) We Got the Beat — The Go-Go's.
9. (11) Pac-Man Fever — Buckner and Garcia.
10. (9) Sweet Dreams — Air Supply.

The ten top country-western singles, as

BRIEFS

MOSCOW (AP) — Viktor Tomachinsky, a 36-year-old out-of-work mechanic who sued the Soviet KGB and lost, was sentenced to one year in prison and five years internal exile Wednesday, his family reported. Tomachinsky's wife was the only one of a group of about 20 friends and relatives allowed into a makeshift basement courtroom to which the trial was unexpectedly shifted after opening in a nearby district court.

DACCA (AP) — The foreign ministerial meeting between India and Bangladesh is likely to take place next month to deal with bilateral problems including sharing of the Ganges waters, informed sources said Thursday. The sources said that Indian Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao, was expected to visit Bangladesh next month in response to an invitation from his counterpart Shamsul Huq. No date has yet been fixed for the meeting.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Film comedian John Belushi died of an overdose of cocaine and heroin, the Los Angeles coroner announced Wednesday. Coroner Thomas Noguchi said that Belushi died "due to intravenous injections of heroin and cocaine," and said that both drugs were found on the premises where he died.

STAVANGER, Norway (AP) — Seven persons were severely burned Thursday by an explosion on an oil platform in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea. The seven were identified as maintenance workers on Phillips Petroleum's Tor platform, which is in the Ekofisk drilling area. They were transported by helicopter to a hospital in Stavanger, on the southwestern coast of Norway.

CAGLIARI, Italy (R) — A couple whose two-year-old daughter died after they failed to give her blood transfusions have been sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment for voluntary homicide. Giuseppe Oneda and his life Consiglia Constanza will also be kept on probation for three years after their release, barred from public service and have their parental authority withdrawn, a court on this Mediterranean island ruled. Prosecution said their daughter Isabella had been receiving transfusions for a serious blood disease until she was one year old, when her parents joined a religious sect which forbids transfusions.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A house painter, Otis J. Bloom, was convicted of arson Wednesday in a \$6 million blaze that gutted a half-block near downtown San Francisco, leaving 119 persons homeless last July 10. Bloom, 39, who pleaded innocent by reason of insanity, had confessed to arson investigators that he set the blaze, and the recorded confession was played in court Wednesday.

MOSCOW (AP) — Leonid Utesov, 86, a multitalented performer who was widely recognized as one of the pioneers of Soviet jazz, has died in Moscow. An obituary, published Thursday in the authoritative Soviet Communist party newspaper *Prawda* and signed by Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev, praised him for "priceless contributions" to Soviet society.

BANJUL (AFP) — Future presidents of the Gambia will be elected by the country's voters rather than be chosen by parliament, under a constitutional amendment adopted here Wednesday in preparation for elections expected to be called later this year.

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ROME, March 11 (R) — Paolo Rossi does not encourage the belief that he is the savior of Italian soccer. The Juventus striker has been the most expensive spectator in football since April 1980 when he received a three-year ban, later cut to two, for his part in an illegal betting scandal which rocked Italy.

This April, Rossi is due to make his long-awaited debut for Juventus, who paid a record 3.7 billion lire (\$2.9 million) for his rare talents to Vicenza last year — although he was already under suspension. The slim, elegant striker was a fine player two years ago but he may need time to reproduce that form. Indeed, at 25, he may never be the same again.

The fervor building up around Italy's World Cup challenge will not make his comeback any easier. During Rossi's absence, fans in the cities of Turin have frequently compared him to Pele and Cruyff. Such adulation could turn against him.

Italian fans are a fickle breed. In 1966 they pelted their fallen heroes with rotten tomatoes when they returned home from England after being humiliated by North Korea. If Rossi, and Italy, fail in Spain, the player could become the target of the nation's wrath.

Italy fumbled their way into the finals with a messy 1-0 win over lowly Luxembourg in Rome in December, a result which increased the ever-growing feeling that "everything will be fine when Rossi returns".

But Rossi, who says he will need 15 games to readjust, will have just three matches to prove himself before the World Cup starts in June. "I am not a national savior," he pleads, a sentiment shared by Italian manager Enzo Bearzot who has made it plain Rossi is not guaranteed a place

Paolo Rossi's boots key to Italy's success



Paolo Rossi...a heavy burden

in the squad.

But Bearzot has found no one to rival Rossi's speed of thought and deadly finishing since he has been out of the team. Although the manager says he will not make up his mind until he sees the player in action, few doubt Rossi will be in the party for Spain.

Rossi, who formed a deadly partnership

'Fan adulation a stumbling block to the big comeback'

with Juventus teammate Roberto Bettega in the 1978 finals in Argentina, when Italy finished fourth, has gone out of his way to play down his own importance. "I will face a thousand difficulties because people will expect just too much," he said.

Rossi trains every day with his high-paid teammates like Irishman Liam Brady and Italian internationals Bettega, Dino Zoff, Gaetano Scirea and Marco Tardelli. All the old touches are still there and regular physical checkups suggest he is perfectly fit. But there must be a question mark over his state of mind after such a lengthy spell on the sidelines.

Rossi's loss was a serious blow to Italy who managed just 11 goals in their eight qualifying ties. During his three seasons with Vicenza he was on target 59 times and scored seven times in 19 international appearances.

Little wonder his millions of fans considered it a national tragedy when the Italian Soccer Federation banned him along with 37 other players and personalities for taking part in the illegal bribery and betting ring. A state court later cleared Rossi of any wrongdoing but the ban stood despite persistent calls for his return.

Rossi has become philosophical. "A sense of fair play must prevail. I can hardly

go round serenading everyone," he said. Another star, Tibor Nyilasi was probably born 25 years too late to make the impact he should have in soccer. The Ferencvaros midfield player should have played in the cherry red shirt of Hungary back in the 1950s, alongside Ferenc Puskas, Sandor Kocsis and Nandor Hidegkuti.

In those halcyon days, the 1954 World Cup in Switzerland produced scorelines such as: Hungary 8 West Germany 3; Hungary 9 Korea 0; Austria 7 Switzerland 5; England 4 Belgium 4.

At 27, Nyilasi is a throwback to the spontaneous soccer of the past...work rate and commitment do not appear in his vocabulary. He would have been in his element in those 1954 finals which yielded 131 goals from 24 matches, an average of 5.43 goals a game. The 1978 World Cup in Argentina produced 102 goals from 38 games, an average of 2.68.

Ironically, having swamped the West Germans in the preliminary round, the hotly favored Hungarians went down 3-2 to the same opponents in the 1954 final, despite leading 2-0 after eight minutes. Hungary may never come so close again but Nyilasi, blessed with lazy, almost insolent skills, has something to prove in Spain.

The 1978 finale were the low point of his



Roberto Bettega...a deadly partner

career and few will forget the forlorn figure of Nyilasi dejectedly leaving the field after being sent off for a series of faults in the opening match. He was left out of the Hungarian side for a spell after the disgrace of Argentina and even considered quitting the game. But the temperamental genius of Hungarian football stayed in the spot and earned an international cap in 1979.

Spain may be his last chance to take his rightful place among the legendary Hungarian names of the past.

On June 18 in Alicante he will have the chance to set the record straight when Hungary play their second Group Three game — fittingly, against Argentina. "Nyilasi will have the opportunity to heal the wounds that Hungary still bears from Buenos Aires in 1978. Much will depend on him," football association president Szepesi said recently.

Nyilasi himself is well aware of the responsibility resting on his shoulders and has promised Hungarian fans that he will make up for his earlier behavior.

Despite his troubled past, Hungary's Group Three opponents will ignore Nyilasi at their peril. While he appears content to float lazily in midfield, he can be electrically effective in front of the goal.

Last season he won the silver boot award as second highest scorer in Europe with 30 league goals for Ferencvaros. His international goal balance is even more impressive — 48 from 49 appearances.

Nyilasi will not be the fastest player on show in Spain but there are few better improvisers in the game today. He can usually find a way through the most uncompromising of defences, either through his mesmerizing dribbling skills or the long delicate pass which has become his trademark.

But though everyone agreed Nyilasi is a delight to watch, he still has his critics who suggest his appetite for the game sometimes leaves more to be desired. He has been accused of losing interest in the middle of a match when his team is obviously heading for defeat, or of making too much of a minor injury so that he can retire to the tranquility of the bench.

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To give Celtics 9th straight win

Bird returns with a bang

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP) — Larry Bird, in his first appearance since he broke his cheekbone Feb. 28, hit 10 of his 11 shots, collected seven of his eight rebounds and three assists and finished with 21 points in 22 minutes as the Boston Celtics easily beat the Indiana Pacers 121-100 Wednesday.

It was the ninth straight National Basketball Association victory for Boston, all of them without all-star guard Nate "tiny" Archibald, who suffered a wrist injury Feb. 17. Gerald Henderson, backup guard who is playing more while Archibald is out, had nine points to key a 17-6 surge that turned a 19-18 Boston edge into a 36-24 lead after one quarter.

Indiana never got closer than eight points thereafter, with Boston's edge ranging to as many as 21 points. Robert Parish tied Bird for game scoring honors with 21 points. Parish added 14 rebounds, while Maxwell added 20 points. Clemon Johnson led Indiana with a season-high 20 points.

Chicago Bulls 101, Milwaukee Bucks 98: Chicago handed Milwaukee its fourth straight loss, the Bucks' worst losing streak in three seasons.

Ricky Sobers scored 13 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter for the Bulls as Milwaukee tried to stop Chicago center Artis Gilmore, who finished with 23 points after victimizing the Bucks for 10 points on five dunks in the first period. Bucks center Bob Lanier did not play until the final quarter because of an injured thumb. Sidney Moncrief led Milwaukee with 24 points.

Philadelphia 76ers 134, Golden State Warriors 114: Philadelphia won its fourth straight when it broke open a close game by outscoring Golden State 41-22 in the third period.

McEnroe given a fright

BRUSSELS, March 11 (AFP) — American tennis star John McEnroe was locked in a tough first round battle with Australian Kim Warwick at the Belgian Indoor Championship Wednesday, when the Australian suddenly conceded the match.

The score was 6-6 in their first round encounter when the 29-year-old Warwick retired because of a shoulder injury. McEnroe will meet Bernard Boileau of Belgium in the next round.

Meanwhile, Shlomo Glickstein and Tim Mayotte of the United States were the first players to ensure themselves of a place in the quarterfinals.

The 24-year-old Glickstein was often in trouble against Lloyd Bourne. In the first set he had to fight harder than the 6-3 scoreline shows and in the second set he was equalized game for game over ten games by Bourne before getting the edge to take the set 7-5 and the match.

Mayotte also found it uphill work in his match with West Germany's Uli Pinner and the first set went to a tiebreaker, which the 21-year-old American won 7-5. His service improved in the second set giving him a 6-4 result.

In Munich, Argentina's No. 2 seed Guillermo Vilas crashed out of the men's Grand Prix tournament here Wednesday when he was soundly beaten in the first round by Sammy Giammalva of the United States. Vilas went down 6-1, 1-6, 2-6.

Local player Rolf Gehring was another

first-round casualty. Gehring was defeated in straight sets by stylish Indian Davis Cup star Vijay Amritraj. Amritraj scored a 7-6, 6-2 win.

Earlier South African Johan Kriek, February's "player of the month," swept past big-serving John Sadri of the United States 6-3, 6-1 and Pascal Portes of France hammered Ricardo Ycaza of Ecuador 6-2, 6-2.

Switzerland's Heinz Gunthardt eliminated sixth-seeded Australian Mark Edmondson 6-3, 7-6 but another Australian John Fitzgerald recovered to defeat Chris Mayotte of the United States 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

In the women's event, second-seed Andrea Jaeger got off to a slow start but finished with a flourish to dominate Anne White 6-3, 6-2 in the second round of the Avon Championships of Dallas Tournament.

Three other seeded players were not as fortunate. Third-seeded Sylvia Hanika of West Germany, fourth-seeded Bettina Bunge and seventh-seeded Anne Smith all lost to younger players Wednesday.

Jaeger, the Avon tour's second-leading money winner, found herself quickly down 2-0 but reeled off six of the next seven games to win the first set. The 16-year-old Chicago native relied heavily on her ability to run down almost every ball and her excellent shot selection to take control of the match.

White, a 20-year-old out of St. Petersburg, Florida, just couldn't cover enough court against the No. 4-ranked player in the world and made numerous unforced errors.

Jahangir Khan...in top form

Jahangir bags crown in style

SHEDFIELD, England, March 11 (Agencies) — World champion Jahangir Khan of Pakistan was in dynamic form when he crushed compatriot Maqsood Ahmed 9-0, 9-0, 9-0 in the final of the International Squash Players' Association tournament here Thursday.

Egyptian No. 1 Gamal Awad took third place with a hard fought 9-2, 4-9, 9-3, 3-9, 9-3 victory over Britain's Gawain Briars.

Maqsood is ranked No. 4 in the world, but he was made to look almost a novice by his young rival's brilliance. Jahangir was full of power and style throughout and, on this performance, it is difficult to imagine anyone capable of stopping him, in the British Open later this month.

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European soccer results

English Division One		Yugoslav Division One	
Leeds	0	Manchester City	1
Sunderland	2	Southampton	0
Derby	1	Division Two	
		Shrewsbury	1
		Division Three	
Exeter	1	Fulham	0
Lincoln	5	Doncaster	0
Reading	3	Bristol City	1
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Blackpool	3	York	1
Bradford	5	Stockport	1
Hartlepool	0	Tranmere	0
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		Stranraer	1
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		Aberdeen	3
		Hibernian	1
		Rangers	3
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With second half goal upsets Southampton

hock, Billy Russell, was also sent off for a foul. Russell had earlier been booked. Doncaster's nine men wilted in the second-half and Lincoln ran out 5-0 winners, with Gordon Hobson scoring a hat-trick.

Sunderland, bottom-of-the-table and without a home win since the opening week of the season, eased their relegation worries with a storming second-half display. They went ahead in the 49th minute when Nick Pickering crowned an impressive debut by rising to head a Mick Buckley cross powerfully past Southampton's Yugoslav goalkeeper Ivan Katatnic.

Four minutes from the end Katatnic was again helpless when Sunderland's teenage striker Ally McCoist picked up a loose ball 25 meters out and curled a delightful shot into the top right-hand corner of the net.

Southampton remain top with 54 points from 30 matches but they have played two games more than nearest rivals Swansea who are just two points adrift.

A second half goal by one million sterling (\$1.85 million) striker Kevin Reeves earned Manchester City a 1-0 win at Leeds in the only other First Division match. Leeds' Scottish international defender Kenny Burns was sent off in the 40th minute for a crude foul on Norwegian Age Hareide.

The number of sendings-off in English domestic soccer this season passed the 100 mark when three more players were given the marching orders. Terry Cooper, Doncaster Rovers' former Leeds United and England left back, was involved in a 37th minute midfield incident with Lincoln's top scorer George Shipley and the referee sent both men to the dressing room.

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SLIPPING POPULARITY

In the United States, President Reagan's popularity is said to be slipping badly, what with the endless economic gloom and the rising challenge to his handling of the growing crisis in Central America. But there is a constituency abroad, albeit by now a distinctly worried one, to which the American president is still the original knight in shining armor. That constituency is the British Conservatives, or at least those of them on whom the growing doubts about monetarist economics are yet to make an impression.

Their admiration is such that when a Reagan aide was in London recently to discuss details of the president's forthcoming visit to the United Kingdom, Mrs. Thatcher's side raised the possibility that he will be invited to address a joint session of both the Lords and Commons. This for the British is an honor so signal that had been bestowed only twice before, once on U.S. President Wilson in 1919, and once on Gen. de Gaulle in the early sixties. President Reagan would then have been the third member of this smallest and most distinguished of clubs.

The White House, however, blew it. It leaked the intention before the British government had a chance to consult with the opposition — the normal procedure in such situations — thereby transforming it into a political issue. Opposition leader Michael Foot described himself as "steamed up," and there were threats of "on the record denunciations" of the whole thing, together with mutterings of a mass walkout by the opposition if the government insisted on its course.

All, however, is not yet lost. Mrs. Thatcher is doing her best to mollify the Laborites, although they have already extended their attack on the proposal beyond the question of procedure involved, in to that of President Reagan's worthiness of the intended honor.

Saudi Arabian press review

King Khaled's meeting with North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, the achievements of the Gulf Cooperation Council, the condemnation of Libyan leader Qaddafi's malicious campaigns against the Kingdom and the Arab nation and the criticism of the French Middle East policy were the main topics for editorial comments in Thursday's newspapers.

Dealing with the meeting between King Khaled and President Saleh, Okzak said, "The talks between the two leaders have given momentum to further strengthening the cooperation between North Yemen and Saudi Arabia. Moreover, President Saleh's visit to the Kingdom was aimed at clearing the atmosphere in the Arab world by resolving Arab differences."

On the same subject, *Al-Bilad* hailed the existing bilateral relations between the two countries and described them as a "distinguished model to be followed by other Arab states." It also praised the Kingdom's Islamic and Arab role.

Commenting on the achievements of the GCC since its formation last year, *Al-Madinah* said, "The council in a very short time has been able to set up its bureaus and streamline its political stance on many regional and international issues."

The paper lauded the wise decision of the GCC foreign minister-

Italy cracks down on staff absenteeism

By Peter Jarocki

VERONA —

A crackdown on absenteeism and moonlighting is rocking Italy's public sector workforce. Particularly affected are civil servants and workers in the health service, post office and railways.

A month-long judicial offensive, begun in Rome, is gathering momentum. About 30 people have been arrested and some 500 prosecution notices have been sent, some to doctors who are accused of giving medical certificates of for up to 70 days in perfectly fit patients who use their sick leave to carry on a second job. Other truants were registered present at work, often claiming overtime pay.

The unmasked moonlighters were engaged in a host of different activities: post office clerks had become bookmakers, hotel receptionists or taxi drivers; ministry of health clerks were going around hospitals and surgeries selling medical equipment; traffic wardens worked as car accident consultants for insurance companies; architects at the ministry of agriculture were running their own studios; and a teacher in Rome was acting as a tour operator on the Emerald coast in Sardinia.

All these cases form part of Italy's "black economy," put by some economists at around 10 percent of the gross domestic product.

One bizarre result of the crackdown is an unprecedented turnout of public employees for work, causing in some buildings overcrowding and a shortage of desks and typewriters.

A recently completed report confirmed the picture of pervasive inefficiency. On the basis of anonymous interviews 50 percent of government office personnel admitted having a second job (strictly forbidden by law); 45 percent frequently stay away from work due to lack of checks; 32 percent sell goods in the office; 27 percent are ready to do extra jobs at home — and 19 percent hardly appear in the office at all.

Even these revelations are unlikely to lead to significant changes. The government's response has been low-key. A member of Spadolini's prime ministerial staff had ruled out dismissals on the grounds that it would be impossible to sack a million employees. And the Communist mayor of Rome, Ugo Vetere, is strongly opposed to the arrests, which he has called "useless persecution".

The minister for the civil service, Dante Schirotta, has promised only a modest package of reforms: stricter controls on entry and exit into government buildings using electronic devices; the introduction of flexible hours; and productivity and incentive schemes. But this, as well as the bill to reorganize the higher echelons of the civil service, is hardly more than scratching the surface. (ONS)

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Divorce: The complete process

By Adil Salahi

In our article on divorce last week we explained that the correct procedure is totally different from the widely held misconception that in Islam divorce is as easy as drinking a cup of tea. The procedure is an elaborate one, full of checks which are designed to make the decision to divorce come only after long and careful consideration of the family situation.

In short, the procedure involves first a serious attempt at reconciliation, with the aid of two arbitrators, one from the husband's family and one from the wife's. When all this fails and divorce takes place, there is a waiting period of nearly three months during which wife stays in her husband's home, to give both a chance for re-consideration. Divorce is complete only when this waiting period lapses and the two parties are determined to go their separate ways.

Re-marriage, that is, for the divorced couple to marry each other again, is permissible. During the waiting period the woman is allowed only to return to her divorcing husband, if they both agree. They do not need a new contract of marriage or a new dowry. She cannot marry any one else during this period, one purpose of which is to find out whether she is pregnant.

When the waiting period is over and separation takes place re-marriage is still permissible. It requires, however, a new contract with witnesses and dowry. The divorced woman may also marry someone else if she so chooses.

Now, what if disagreements recur after a divorced couple have re-married? Surely, if their disagreements have brought them to divorce once, they may be no wiser after their second marriage. Should they consider the possibility of a second divorce the door is open to them. They must, however, go through the whole process again. They should first attempt to reconcile their differences on their own, then with the help of arbitrators. Divorce may then occur with a new waiting period before separation takes place. Nothing is different in the whole process from what happens in the first time, including their ability to resume their mar-

riage during the waiting period without a new marriage contract.

Are they, someone may ask, allowed to marry each other for the third time after the separation has occurred twice? The answer is yes, but a new contract and a new dowry are required.

Divorce may, indeed, occur between the same couple for the third time. We have, however, a word of warning for them here. The cycle of marriage, divorce, re-marriage cannot go on indefinitely. Marriage is a very serious institution and it should never be trifled with. Therefore, a couple who marry for the third time after having been divorced twice must realize that should they divorce again they cannot rejoin each other once more in the bond of marriage unless they go through something which is sure to be very painful for both of them. That is, the woman must, in the normal course of events, marry another man. If she gets divorced from him in the normal way, she can then return to her former husband with a fresh marriage contract. We must stress here that all this should take place naturally, without any attempt by anyone to bring about or hasten the required divorce from the second husband.

This extra condition serves as a very powerful check to prevent the third divorce. When both parties realize that the ties between them are so strong that they have brought them together for the third time while the break should occur, would be very difficult and very painful to repair they are bound to tolerate each other better, and to give top priority to their long term interests and to the interests of their children.

Indeed, with this extra condition a third-time divorce becomes virtually impossible unless the parties concerned would prefer a final break of the continuation of their marriage.

This elaborate system, with all its checks and obligations, emphasizes the nature of the Islamic way of life. It provides a system for human beings with all their strengths and failings. Nothing is imposed; nothing is without a purpose. The system is designed by the creator of man for man's own happiness. Hence it is the perfect system.

Islam in perspective

What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful
A Divorce may be revoked twice whereupon the marriage must either be resumed in fairness or dissolved in a goodly manner. It is unlawful for you to take back anything of what you have given to your wives, unless both fear that they may not be able to keep within the bounds set by Allah. Hence, if you have cause to fear that the two may not be able to keep within the bounds set by Allah there shall be no offence for either for what the wife may give up in order to free herself. These are the bounds set by Allah; do not, then, transgress them; for they who transgress the bounds set by Allah are the evildoers. If he divorces her (finally) she shall, thereafter, not be lawful for him until she has wedded another man. If the latter divorces her, there shall be no sin upon either of the two if they return to one another, if they both think they can keep within the bounds set by Allah.

(The Cow: 2: 229 - 230)

Our dialogue

Q. Since Allah has changed the direction of Qibla why do we attach so much importance to the Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem?

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A. The key to this answer is in the night journey of the Prophet, when he was taken by the angel, Gabriel, from Makkah to Jerusalem where he met past Prophets like Abraham, Moses, Jesus and others and led them all in prayers. Those prayers were a symbol of the unity of the Divine message preached by all the Prophets and brought in its complete and final form by Prophet Muhammad. As the message is one we should have, as indeed every true Muslim has, great respect for all the Prophets who taught mankind and showed them how to worship Allah and educated them in the meaning of dedication for His cause. As Jerusalem was sacred for other Divine relig-

ions so it is for us, the followers of the final Divine religion.

It should be emphasized that Jerusalem is sacred to us not merely on grounds of the fact that the Prophet went there; he went to many other places to which we attach no particular significance. His journey, however, provided a link between all the religions which were based on the oneness of Allah. It was, in effect, a declaration that Muhammad, the last in the line of noble Prophets was the heir for all those religions, including their sacred places. His message incorporates every thing which remained undistorted in their messages.

We may add that in the Qur'an, Allah describes the mosque in Jerusalem with these words *the surroundings of which we have blessed*. Notice that the blessings were not confined to the mosque itself. This expression suggests that the whole area enjoys Allah's blessings; a fact which makes it a very special area indeed.

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pulling his thick hair.

As the torture continued, one man who felt sorry for Sa'ad whispered in his ear: "Have you ever had any covenant or dealings with any one from *Qurash*?" Sa'ad said: "Yes, indeed. I have always protected the trade caravans of Jubair ibn Mu'ab and Al-Harith ibn Harb, ensuring that they came to no harm in our parts." The man said: "Then shout their names loud and mention your friendship with them."

The man, Abdul-Bakhtari ibn Hisham, went quickly looking for Jubair and Al-Harith. He found them in the Mosque, so he said to them: "I have just come from Al-Ahaz where I saw a man from *Al-Khaizraj* being badly beaten. He kept shouting both your names and saying that you have an agreement of mutual protection with him." When they realized that it was Sa'ad who was being tortured they went quickly and saved him from his tormentors.

That, however, all that *Qurash* could do about the new covenant between the Muslims from Madinah and the Prophet. The agreement was concluded and sealed marking the beginning of a new stage in the history of Islam which was to be totally different from the stage that was coming to its close.

Shortly afterwards, the Prophet advised his followers in Makkah to immigrate to Madinah. He said: "Allah has provided you with a new home and with new brethren." They started to leave in small groups, secretly, so that they would not be stopped by the Makkans. The Prophet himself stayed in Makkah waiting for permission from Allah for him to leave. Within a few months the majority of the Makkans Muslims had settled in Madinah. Only those who were physically prevented from making the trip were left behind along with the Prophet, Abu Bakr and Ali. Abu Bakr indeed sought the Prophet's permission to go but the Prophet asked him to delay his departure, and said: "Allah may provide you with a companion."

Was *Qurash* to stand idle as it saw the Muslims leaving to their new home? Did *Qurash* feel any threat attendant on this immigration? We will find out, Allah willing, next week.

To be continued next Friday

Painting can be remarkable therapy, work to please yourself, viewers

By Donald McCammon

civilization-boredom!

What, indeed, could possibly be more relaxing than sitting somewhere on the shores of the Red Sea, hush in hand and board nearby, awaiting that marvellous moment when you make up your mind that you are going to create your first masterpiece.

What shall it be? Something akin to Gainsborough, Rembrandt or Van Gogh, or perhaps, just a mere dab of paint on the white board which you can, quite literally, call anything you like, very much like the more celebrated artists do and have done for centuries.

What you will discover, however, is that wonderful thing termed "artist's licence", which, very much like the "poet's licence", will allow you all the latitude you need to turn an ordinary painting into something unique, even a work of art.

Don't, for example, be afraid to add a tree or two to a landscape where there is none. They could well have been there at some time or another, you know, when the world was much younger and you were not around anyway.

What's wrong with adding a touch of a blue sea to turn a landscape into a delightful little bay? And how about adding a ship or two? Ships always do something to a picture and give it character and appeal. And what about a palm tree or two? Everyone seems to like

palm trees although, these are not too easy to paint in a way which makes them look just right.

Many artists always try and include one or two palm trees in composite pictures. And composite pictures they are, too, but none the worse for this you'll agree, if they give pleasure to the beholder.

Most admirers of paintings admire certain features irrespective as to whether the painted scene is of a real subject, perhaps painted from memory, or just pure imagination. Most paintings, indeed, do contain many features which only the painter saw, so when someone asks the location of a particular scene many artists explain by saying that it was the angle at which everything was seen on that occasion. Thus, although you may indeed never discover the exact locations where, for instance, a Red Sea picture was painted, or those of other well known locations, you have only to stand and gaze at the picture for a brief spell, close your eyes, open them very slowly and you will then know quite well that what you are now looking at could well and truly have been one of those elysian places you have always wanted to visit but never managed to.

And there it is, right before your eyes, just as you dreamed it always would be. And if a painting can convey this impression there's nothing much wrong with it, is there?



START SIMPLE: This rendition of the Red Sea contains only natural elements, the beach, ocean and mountains.

After tests, scientists ate samples

Chinese food devotees hope new bill will duck health department

By Patt Morrison

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — For more than 4,000 years, the aromatic carcasses of roast "Peking duck" and "dry hung duck" have swung from poultry racks in Chinese food shops and restaurants.

But for the last few years, in Los Angeles' Chinatown, the ducks have instead been tossed into trash cans by county health inspectors who say the centuries-old method for preparing and selling the poultry violates the state health and safety code, and poses a potential health hazard.

"This method of cooking duck is as old as the Chinese calendar — 4,680 (years)," said Irvin R. Lai, restaurant owner and president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce said. "We're the largest population in the world, the Chinese, and we haven't died off yet (from eating Peking duck)."

It is not so much how the duck is prepared as the way it is handled before and after cooking that health inspectors object to.

Chinese chefs say that the fowl should be at room temperature before cooking. And after marinating and baking, it should still hang at near-room temperature, as the fat drains out, for several hours (or less, in Chinatown's competitive food markets) until it is sold.

But the state code says that the duck, like any restaurant food, should be chilled to 45 degrees or less, or heated to at least 140 degrees, at all times.

"If we put it in the refrigerator, the skin won't be crispy. If we put it in the heat too long, the meat will be tough and dry," Jacinta Cheng, co-owner of Miriwa Restaurant, said. "If we cooked it according to the health department, no one would come to buy our duck."

In recent years, restaurant and food shop owners in Chinatown have spent about \$100,000 on fines for code violations, and have seen thousands of ducks thrown into the

trash and sprinkled with whatever is handy to "de-nature" the food — bleach or food coloring or the like, Lai said.

Now, however, Chinatown's restaurateurs are pinning their hopes on what they are calling "the duck bill," introduced in the California legislature by Democratic assemblyman Art Torres.

It would exempt properly cooked Peking and dry hung duck from the temperature ranges — too hot or too cold — for two hours before cooking and four hours after cooking so long as certain other culinary procedures are followed.

Torres loves Chinese food. His wife loves Chinese food. And he says he does not think his bill will encounter many problems, because "the governor is a devotee of Chinese food," too.

He criticized what he said was "overzeal-

ous enforcement."

He called it a "cultural misunderstanding, applying Western cooking standards to Eastern cooking, which is just absurd, like a health officer telling a Mexican how to make a tortilla."

When a health inspector dumped almost three dozen of Miriwa's roast ducks last year Cheng said the inspector told her, "well, I don't care about Chinese tradition. You are in America right now, and this is what you have to do."

Lai grimaces when asked how the duck would taste if it were chilled or heated to the legal standards. High temperatures would make it "dehydrated, saltier" — in essence, duck jerky. And cold temperatures would "stun condensing the fat and cause the meat and skin to taste different."

Islamic culture presented during public exhibitions

By Jeannette Garrett
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — An exhibit of Islamic science, technology, fine arts and architecture will join a planetarium program about Islamic astronomy as two of many interesting cultural displays available to the public Houston, Texas, March 18-28.

The two exhibits are a part of the Houston Festival 10 days of cultural displays, culinary expositions and informative demonstrations that mark the beginning of spring here.

Events related to the festival are scheduled to occur throughout the city during the 10-day cultural extravaganza including the opera "Don Carlo," three plays at

Houston's Alley Theater, two concerts by the city's symphony orchestra, museum exhibits, arts and crafts displays from many countries, contemporary jazz performances, international dance demonstrations and the opportunity to try many international foods.

The two Islamic cultural offerings promise to be very interesting. The Houston Museum of Natural Science will host the U.S. premier of the national traveling exhibit, "The Heritage of Islam," March 10-May 30.

The display, organized and sponsored by the National Committee to honor the Fourteenth Centennial of Islam, contains more than 250 objects, many of which have never been shown publicly in the United States.



DETAILS ADDED: Although the scene is similar, a lot of details have been added like the palm trees and sail boats.

42 bustard fledglings safe in park

but natural habitat.

According to the World Pheasant Association the total number of bustards in India had dwindled to a dangerously low figure — 745 in 1978. The birds either used to fall prey to trigger-happy bird hunting adventurers or the talons of trained falcons.

However, the efforts of the Desert National Park have begun to pay off. In less than a year since the birds were set free in the park they have started breeding.

The park covers a desert area of 3,615 sq

kms extending into Jaisalmer and Barmer districts of the state.

The Rajasthan government has allocated about three million dollars to run ten protection posts in the park. Each post is manned by a desert forester and a desert guard who are provided with jeeps and camels to track down poachers in the vast desert area. Besides the great Indian bustard, the park has other interesting species like the spiny tailed lizard, sandfish and desert fox.

JAIPUR (PTI): The Great Indian bustard (Otididae) seems to have won its initial battle for survival. As many as 42 birds with about ten fledglings have been spotted here in the Desert National Park in the Western Indian state of Rajasthan.

The sighting of the fledgling bustards is of great significance to wild life experts because to date, efforts to breed the bird in captivity have failed. The only way to save the bird from extinction was to provide it a controlled

the BUMBLE of mumbles

The lobsters and the crabs

Last week, Dearlo Bumble had stumbled onto the feast of the lobsters and crabs and was waiting for the Chief Lobster to finish the main course so he could have Dearlo for 'afters.' Dearlo had an idea, he jumped into the bowl of laverbread and rolled all over in it until he was covered from head to toe.

Well, Dearlo did not look anything like a Bumble. He looked more like a dark slimy monster. A very small monster, mind you, but still a monster. He looked very sinister indeed.

The lobsters and the crabs didn't see what Dearlo was up to as they were too busy eating and dancing in the moonlight. Then, in a loud voice, the Chief Lobster declared that it was time for 'afters' and he would like his fat little Bumble to eat.

"Here goes," thought Dearlo, and he let out a long howl, "Yahoooooo!"

All the lobster and crabs started in horror as they saw this dreadful shape rise out of the laverbread, arms waving and yelling "Yahoooooo!"

They all started with their mouths wide open. Then, one by one, they backed away from the table with the green slimy thing upon it.

"Yahoooooo!" wailed Dearlo again, quite enjoying himself now that he could see the effect that it had on the lobsters and crabs.

Slowly the lobsters and the crabs backed away into the sea, sure that it was an evil spell put on their feast by

Story by Alexander J. Frith

Illustration by Nicholas Domme

the Wizard of Oystermouth Castle.

When Dearlo had finished wailing he realized that only one lobster remained — the Chief Lobster himself.

He was crying Dearlo in no friendly fashion at all. For what Dearlo did not know was that the laverbread was drying out and he was beginning to show through!

The Chief Lobster had spotted this and was starting to move closer. Dearlo could not understand why the Chief Lobster was moving up on him. He started to wail a bit louder and, as he did so, he tripped over a winkie shell which had been left on the table and fell into a bowl of seawater which had been used for washing dirty claws and pincers.

Of course the game was up: The remains of the laverbread came away in the water and there was Dearlo Bumble for all the world to see!

"Ho! Ho!" yelled the Chief Lobster, "Got you! I will have you for 'afters' after all!"

With that, he lunged at Dearlo. But, being a big clumsy lobster, and having slightly over-eaten, the Chief Lobster was not quite as quick as Dearlo. As he lunged, Dearlo quickly jumped to the ground which was covered in pebbles — on which a Bumble is completely at home.

He bounded and jumped and fairly skipped toward home, leaving the poor

old Chief Lobster lurching along, hopelessly trying to catch up.

When he realized that Dearlo was too fast for him, he shook his big pincer and yelled "I'll get you one day Dearlo Bumble: I promise you!"

Dearlo paused and looked back. He could see that the lobster could no longer catch him. Happily he called back:

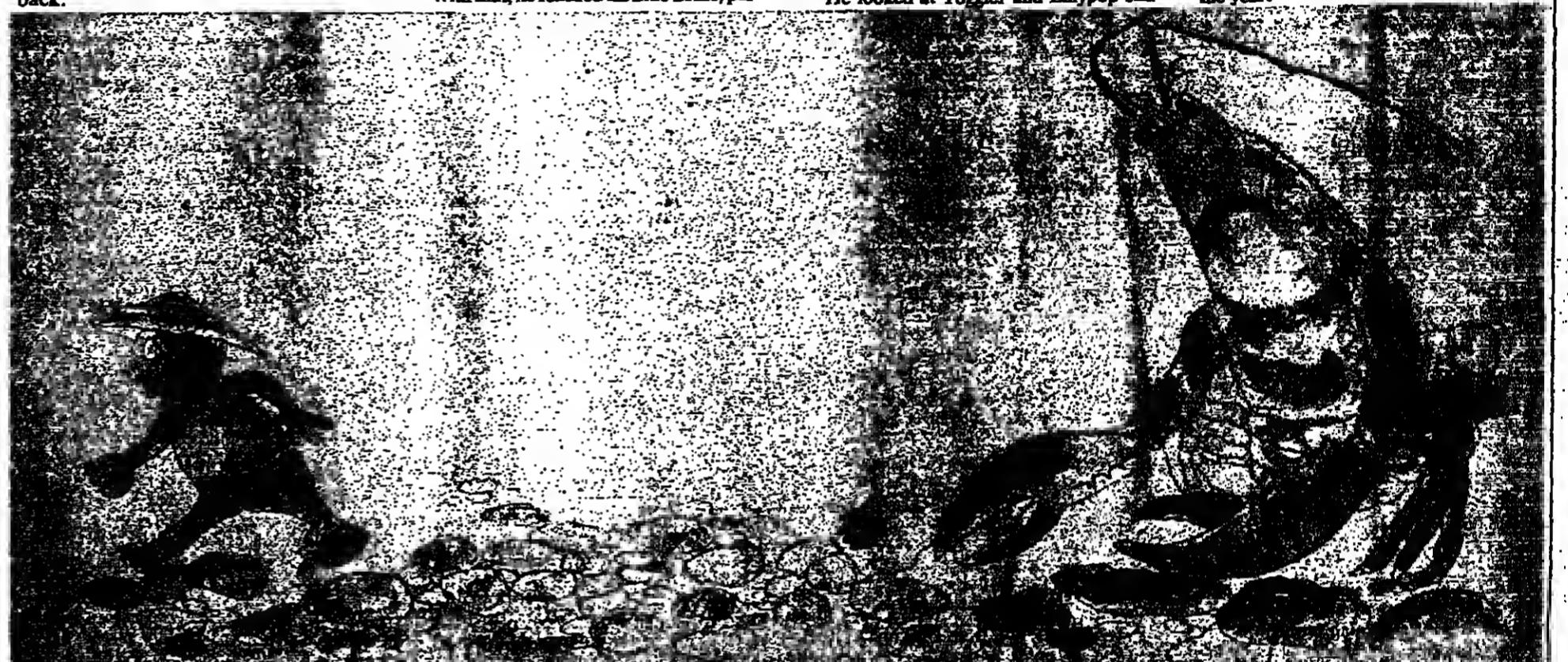
LAVERBREAD MONSTER : Dearlo jumped into the laverbread and looking like a sinister monster yelled, "Yahoo!"

sound asleep in their beds. "What a story I'll have to tell them tomorrow."

He finished his tea, washed up the little winkie shell cup and then snuggled down into his scallop shell bed.

A very lucky, tired, but well-fed, happy little Bumble.

NEXT FRIDAY: The fastest Bumble of the year.



TOO FAST FOR HIM : Chief Lobster yelled after Dearlo, "I'll get you one day Dearlo Bumble! I promise you!"

People are courteous, helpful

Singapore is a pleasure, rich in cultural diversity

By Sharon Dirksen

SINGAPORE (LAT) — A long line of patient travelers, pushing their luggage along on shiny new airport carts, waited their turns for a taxi outside Changi International Airport on a late afternoon during Chinese New Year. A decidedly tired and impatient couple with a New Jersey accent ignored the queue and tried several times to grab for the door of an approaching taxi. The driver would motion them away and proceed to the head of the line.

Finally the man turned and said, "what is this, anyway? Our money's not good enough?"

Not good enough to sway the disciplined Singaporean from his appointed procedure. And there is something very refreshing about the order of things in Singapore. Like a large family that behaves well in public, Singapore — as old Asia hands know — is a pleasure to be around, with its well-tended lawns, its lovely parks and tree-lined streets. And there is its gleaming new airport, a \$750 million gem of efficiency and spaciousness, whose people are courteous and helpful.

"Social discipline is the core of any successful society," the tourist reads in a hotel publication. One is warned that drugs are out, the fine for littering is \$250, smoking is discouraged, jaywalking is offensive, long hair is not approved of — "long-haired males are served last at government offices" — and tipping is discouraged, officially, at least.

Not for Singapore the dismal poverty of squatters' shacks, the push of peddlers outside the fine hotels, beggars on the boulevard. One feels perfectly safe walking the street at night, asking directions of a stranger, even dunking the water and eating fresh fruits and vegetables — a welcome change from the caution required elsewhere in Southeast Asia.

Singapore is too rich in cultural diversity and ethnic and religious traditions ever to be considered boring. Its population of 2.5 million is three-fourths Chinese — most of the rest are Malays and Indians. The city, a small superstate, has been transformed under the leadership of Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew from a slum-ridden former British colony into a model city of high-rise public housing, towering office buildings and luxury hotels.

Most of the Chinese businesses were closed for the New Year's holiday, including the popular food stalls that everyone agrees should be part of the Singapore tourist experience. All that was happening publicly in Chinatown was an occasional small parade of costumed musicians and dancers celebrating the New Year.

That left the rest of Singapore's culture to be sampled. The Omar Khayyam restaurant opposite the U.S. Embassy on Hill Street is enjoying a surge of popularity since the publication of a recent article implying that its haute cuisine, or Kashmiri, is based on the "spindrift" menu of the maharajas. The Omar Khayyam is Singapore's best-known

and oldest Indian restaurant. Its north India offerings blend the flavor of almonds and cashews, yogurt and coriander. The extensive menu lists such delicacies as Tandoori chicken, mildly spiced and slow-cooked; Jhingri, a curry feast of lamb, kebabs and chicken liver; Shahnaaz, roast lamb marinated in delicate spices; Saffron rice; vegetables served with herb butter and cream.

Another decidedly non-Chinese dinner was enjoyed at the Frisco Grill on the sixth floor of the Orchard Towers. (Many of Sing-

apore's little shops are cubicles in high-rise buildings, sort of vertical shopping malls.) There, steaks from the United States are priced by the gram, no less, and are expensive but recommended for anyone with a strong craving for a Western feed.

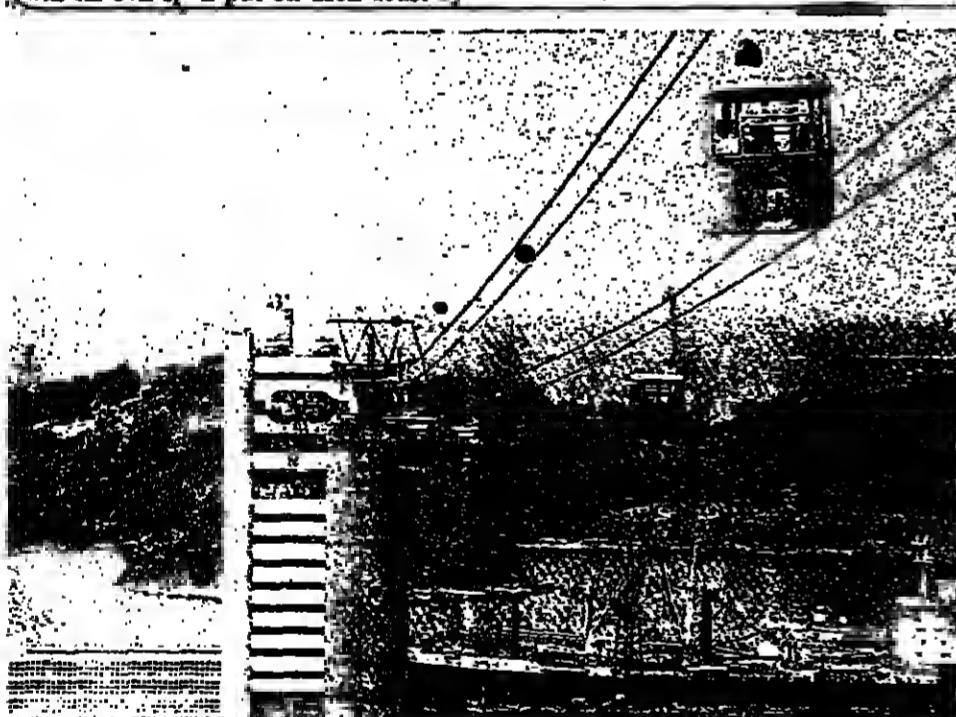
Rasa Singapura, the food stalls behind the Singapore handicraft center on Tanglin road, is a favorite of locals and tourists. Other popular food stalls are at Cuppage Road, People's Park and Tanjong Pagar.

Among Singapore's fine hotels, top ratings

still go to the Mandarin, the Hilton and the Hyatt. We stayed at Western International's 700-room Shangri-La, which ranked fourth in the world on a recent list of the favorite hotels among 200 prominent bankers.

"Ask for the Garden Wing," goes the insiders' advice.

The hotel is a few minutes' walk from the Orchard Road shopping area. The grounds are 12.5 acres of lavish landscaping with swimming pool, tennis and squash courts and a well-equipped health center.



SINGAPORE : The island measures 561 square kilometers. Above, One favorite attraction is a cable car ride. Below, two giant bank buildings tower over the Singapore River and the still present junk.



NEW PARIS AIRPORT : The first phase of the new Roissy II air terminal has just opened with a succession of oval rings capable of handling five million passengers per year.

Paris opens its new Roissy II air terminal

By Michel Richard

PARIS (RFI) "Don't go to the wrong air terminal" read a French newspaper advertisement headline. Passengers of Air France going to London, Manchester, Amsterdam and Vienna are warned that, in the future, they must go to the new terminal of the Charles de Gaulle airport.

Roissy II, after Orly and Roissy I, is the last-born of Parisian airports — a birth which is always a special event. For airports can follow each other at regular intervals without resembling each other. At Roissy II, there's no sign of the revolutionary architecture and technical prowess of Roissy I; of course, the latter remains a model of its kind — with its circular concrete architecture, with its network of moving belts taking you to the "satellites". Roissy I is a functional and efficient tool. But it never really won public favor, who consider it is too cold, too enclosed. And,

over the years, this crown of concrete, which could not be enlarged, has been found to be too small.

Hence the creation of Roissy II. And a complete change. Here we are back to a much more classic form, more like the style of Orly, which remains the airport model the most exported in the world. But Roissy, behind its conventional appearance, is radically new. Better than any other, it reconciles a number of very different needs: the comfort of passengers, safety, reliability and profitability of the equipment and fittings. A wager had to be taken on the nature and the changing volume of traffic in the years to come... and not be mistaken. Three million hours of work and an investment of 1.5 thousand million francs went into the building of Roissy II.

With the year 2000 in mind, it will consist of a succession of oval rings composed of two modules each capable of receiving five million passengers per year. Inside each ring,

(only the first is in service today) is a large space 210 meters long, with a view over the runways, a row of blue and red armchairs, a white marble floor and colored terra cotta floors, walls in stainless metal, glass roof. In other words, a warm, human showcase.

In the center of each ring are 5,000 car-park emplacements on five stories, and a transversal highway. From the traveler to the aircraft, a distance of 70 meters, no more. And not a single step to climb. You can almost "run to catch a plane", as the promoters claim, and the check-in of luggage can be done 10 or even five minutes before take-off.

Air-France will have exclusive use of the first ring and, as a general rule, of the three others, too. The airline thus leaves its Orly I, handing it over to eleven companies which were installed at Orly until now, including "Alitalia", "Lufthansa" and "Swissair".

Women's life, culture, Palestinian traditions shown in colorful art

By Catherine Rais
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Communicating about the Palestinian cultural heritage is much easier through something that is beautiful. This is the philosophy of artist Laila Jammal, a Palestinian woman working for the Arab League in the United States. The beauty she emanates from her poetry, music, paintings, and dance has done much towards telling the American people what it means to be a Palestinian today. Jammal's presentation of Palestinian traditional dress in fashion shows throughout the United States has made a special impact on American audiences.

"I found that presenting the Palestinian costume in fashion shows is a short and close way to get to the American people," says Jammal. In addition, she has done much research into the historical development of Palestinian costumes and into the ways in which they are made.

Jammal became involved in fashion shows when she noticed that every time she went to international events in the United States, Arabs were seldom represented. She became very annoyed for this reason while attending an annual United Nations festival in San Francisco, California. Jammal called up the woman in charge of that day and made arrangements for Arab traditional costumes to be shown at the next one. Arab fashion has had a place at the festival ever since, said Jammal.

Her experience at the U.N. festival in San Francisco launched Jammal into promoting Arab culture in a wide range of activities in California. "Nobody is going to come and find out where we are, we have to go to them" said Jammal.

The Zionist entity is trying not only to steal our country but they are trying to steal our heritage, our culture, our food," she added, giving a sense of urgency to her work. "I have seen many advertisements for the national Israeli airline El Al with Israeli hostesses wearing Palestinian dresses," said Jammal. She expressed deep concern that these Israeli hostesses, who fly all over the world, are giving a world-wide impression that Palestinian dresses are Israeli.

For Jammal, as well as for thousands of other Palestinians who are living in exile, wearing Palestinian costumes is like a license in their hands for their land back home."

Jammal wears embroidered Palestinian clothes cut and designed for contemporary living in the United States. "When I wear my Palestinian clothes, American people stop me and say how beautiful they are," said Jammal. "I give them a silent, peaceful message about our Palestinian problem."

"I do not think the PLO should stop their fighting. This is not my message," said Jammal. "The situation in which you are in compels you to act in a certain way. In occupied Palestine, people carry guns and so the Palestinian people must use force to struggle for their rights. In the United States, people do not carry guns and so the Palestinian can express the beauty of their rich culture in a peaceful way."

Jammal gives much credit in her research to a book written by Abdul Rahman Al-Mazayin. In his book, Al-Mazayin discusses Palestinian art — glassblowing, painting, strawmaking — and also goes into great detail about the historical background of Palestinian dresses. The book stresses the dramatic similarities and continues between

present day Palestinian costumes and the costumes worn by the ancestors of the Palestinian people living 25,000 years ago.

Inside ancient Egyptian tombs, engravings and paintings depict a tribe of people from Canaan — the land between the River Jordan and the Mediterranean which the Jews believe was promised to the Israelites. The Canaanites, the ancestors of the Palestinians people, visited the ancient Egyptian kings to pay their taxes and debts. The costumes worn by the Canaanites remarkably resemble Palestinian dress today, according to Jammal.

The Canaanites wore bright colored stripes of material sewn on long galibiyas worn down to their knees. The bright colored materials came from dyes found along the Mediterranean shores of what became known as Palestine and Lebanon. The Canaanites traded these precious dyes with the ancient Egyptian for food from the Nile Delta.

The passage of time has introduced some changes into the Palestinian costume. Palestinian women began to embroider the stripes on the galibiyas instead of sewing on bright colored materials.

The decoration and embroidery on the costumes were passed down from generation to generation and became part of the Palestinian national culture. Certain designs became symbols of individual tribes and villages. "If you are familiar with Palestinian embroidery," said Jammal, "you can easily identify where a Palestinian is from."

The various designs of the embroidery which decorate the dress has both a name and a meaning. The pine tree is embroidered on the front of most dresses along the bottom, the sides and the margins of the bodice. The pine tree expresses life and prosperity because it stays green all year round.

The leaves and grapes of a vineyard are another popular design, which expresses the love and attachment of the Palestinian people to their land, said Jammal. Flowers and stars with five, eight, 16, or 24 points are also common designs in Palestinian costumes. However the most popular design is the symbol for wheat — a major staple in the Palestinian diet.

Many of the colorful materials and rich embroideries that came over to the West came from Palestine, said Jammal. When the Crusades invaded the Holy Land in the 11th century, they took back Palestinian hand-work to the West. The people in the West at the time, according to Jammal, wore dark colors and leather. The bright colored materials from the Holy Land were first worn by priests in the Christian churches. Long before that during the time of the Roman Empire, the Romans carried back these beautiful materials from Palestine to Rome.

The advent of Islam in Palestine also brought some changes to the Palestinian traditional dress. Palestinian men used to have their galibiyas and shirwal embroidered. This tradition stopped when Islam forbade men to impersonate women. The kiffaya, worn by men, said Jammal, looks from afar as if it is embroidered but actually it is woven material.

Jammal added that the shirwal, the wide pants, is the latest fashion for women in 1982. The kaftan, the wide long dress, has also become very fashionable among women in the West.

The embroidery work on a Palestinian woman's costume can take 10 to 15 years of a single woman works on it, said Jammal, stressing her supreme appreciation for the time



PALESTINIAN WOMEN: This painting by Laila Jammal shows five women engaged in doing their embroidery work in Ramallah.

and energy that goes into the making of these costumes. The costume is usually saved as a wedding dress for a young Palestinian girl. added Jammal. Palestinian women will often group together to work on one dress. They embroider on cloth that can be separated from the dress so when the dress becomes old, the embroidered part can be transferred to a new dress.

Jammal was born in the city of Acre in Palestine and lived under the occupation for over 20 years. Acre is the celebrated old city where Napoleon Bonaparte, who sought to build a vast empire at the turn of the 19th century, was defeated and forced to retreat back to Egypt.

"I am not allowed to go back to Acre," said Jammal. "I think it is because I became active in educating the people there about our Palestinian problem."

In 1967, Jammal left Acre after her father passed away. "I felt too much pressure on me," she recalled. After Jammal graduated from a private high school in Acre, she found it very difficult to work under the Israeli government. During her years at the private school operated by the British, Jammal felt sheltered from the Israeli occupation.

Jammal did work for her father for two years welding gold after her graduation from high school. She said the American tourists would watch her weld gold and make wedding bands. She could hear them comment on how a woman could handle such a job. Some day, she hopes to have her own welding shop where she can pursue her hobby of jewelry making.

With a strong desire for more education, Jammal left Palestine to join her two brothers in Canada. She studied computer programming and television production at a university there.

Jammal's active pursuit in the arts in the United States stems from childhood experience in performing. While living in San Francisco, she started a Palestinian folk dance group and performed for the local colleges and universities. She was later offered time on a local San Francisco television station to talk about the Palestinian dilemma. The response from the local audience was so great.

"We all fly the same types of airplanes and take about the same amount of time to get there," says Bob Christian, eastern vice president for public relations, "so what it boils down to in airlines is service."

Eastern crew supervisors spot-check various flights and note whether cabin attendants go out of their way to chat with passengers. Asked one eager-to-please stewardess recently of a passenger perusing *Time* magazine, "hi, what article are you reading?"

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.

Non-meals could replace 'natural' foods

Diet experts use food substitutes to reduce calories

By Liz Jobey

NEW YORK (LOS) — Fashionable Americans are fighting to keep thin in the midst of pizzas and pasta, cream cheese and candy, and bagels on every street corner. In the restaurants they battle against tradition: "hold the cream," "cut the relish," "leave off the hollandaise." Educating people about exercise and calorie content is a New York media crusade.

For every magazine, newspaper, TV and radio advertisement extolling the wonders of Danish butter cookies, waffles and raspberry cream cheeses, there is another on the virtues of dietburgers, low-calorie chocolate chip cookies, deep-frozen meals under the name of "Lean Cuisine" (low-calorie lasagna?), diet Pepsi, diet margarine and endless products suffixed with the word "lite".

An alternative way of tackling the problem is found in the pharmacy. Nowhere in the world can there be such a horrific comment on the digestive habits of a nation: a vista of indigestion tablets, antacids, laxatives in pill, capsule, liquid (flavored drinks) and chewing gum form.

But it's a losing battle. A recent cross-sectional study showed that American women of 5ft 4in gained an average of 27 lbs between the ages of 20 and 60, and men of 5ft 10in gained 16 lbs between 20 and 50. If obesity is defined as being 20 percent or more above desirable weight, then about 40 percent of American women between 40 and 49, and 32 percent of American men in the same age group are obese, and the figures are on the way up.

More severe cases of excess weight are termed "morbid obesity", considered as a serious indigenous disease by American doctors. The morbidly obese weigh up to twice their desirable weight; their body fat makes up between 50 and 75 percent of their total body weight; their fat is stored in a large number of greatly enlarged fat cells; their life expectancy is significantly decreased and they are dangerously prone to coronary, strokes and diabetes.

Theo B. Van Itallie is professor of medicine at Columbia University in New York and head of the Obesity Center there where they study American eating habits.

For the past year Dr. Van Itallie has been consultant to the Surgeon General of the U.S. and is working in conjunction with the national food industry to trim the calorific level of some mass-produced brands by reducing portion sizes, and cutting the fat and salt content.

"There is only one culprit to be blamed for America's obesity problem," says Dr. Van Itallie, "except perhaps the lifestyle of most Americans. We live in a food intensive environment, with 24-hour restaurants, take-away food, vending machines, refrigerators. Food surrounds us and is constantly available."

"The pace of American life, speedy, disorganized, stressful, encourages meals taken at irregular intervals; many snack-type meals which contain much fat and carbohydrate, instead of three regular balanced ones." (The average New York cheese sandwich consists of two hunks of rye, about 6 oz of sliced Emmenthal, automatically served with a side order of coleslaw and potato salad or French fries. If it's there, you'll probably eat it.)

So how is Dr. Van Itallie tackling the problem? On a general level his advice is similar to many health and slimming articles published daily in the press. Last November he was involved in a slimming series run by *The New York Times* and a set of TV programs advising people how to cut down on calories (reduce their fat and sugar intake; grill meat, eschew oily and creamy dressings; steam vegetables; serve fresh fruit for dessert) and take more strenuous exercise.

This is fine for those with the willpower and relatively few pounds to lose. But Dr. Van Itallie's main battle goes on at the Obesity Center. It is here that the seriously overweight Americans come as guinea pigs to be tested and treated. Here it is accepted that obese patients have failed many times to generate the willpower to cut down their eating in normal life and need more intensive help to lose weight.

In his approach to their problems, Dr. Van Itallie has to some extent capitulated towards traditional American eating habits. It seems more realistic to accept that the average New Yorker does not eat three balanced meals a day, but nearer six, and most of them in the form of high carbohy-

drate fatty snacks. This kind of diet will almost certainly gradually increase the weight of a normal, fairly inactive person.

Dr. Van Itallie's solution is not to expect the patient suddenly to be able to change his eating habits, but instead, to introduce food substitutes into the diet so that the same amount of food, ounce for ounce, can be consumed, with approximately the same taste as the normal highcalorie foodstuff, but containing far fewer calories.

One of Dr. Van Itallie's recent experiments was with an as yet unmarketed sugar substitute, aspartame, which tastes more convincingly like sugar than saccharin or sorbitol and does not have the unpleasant after taste of the former, nor the laxative effect, if taken in too large quantities, of sorbitol.

Eight obese adults, six women and two men, were placed under observation and told they were undergoing tests for metabolic rate. They therefore had no suspicion that it was their eating habits which were being monitored. Their food was served in separate bowls from which they helped themselves, rather than from an organized plateful. A wide variety of food was offered and aspartame was substituted in every foodstuff which contained sugar. Sweetened drinks were constantly available. All the food was weighed upon leaving the kitchen, and on its return, so that the amount of food eaten could be calculated.

For three days, the subjects were given "normal" sucrose-sweetened food. For the next three days aspartame was substituted for sugar in all the food and drinks, then for another two three-day periods the diet was returned to sucrose-sweetened foods.

The results showed that there was no difference in the amount of food taken, ounce for ounce, by any of the patients whether sweetened by sugar or aspartame. They ate without noticing the substitution. On the sucrose-sweetened diet, they tended to gain weight. On the aspartame-sweetened diet they held their weight and would eventually begin to lose if the diet was continued.

Eating such amounts was obviously merely habit, to prolong the oral satisfaction, rather than to satisfy the body's natural calorie requirement or "hunger". A second experiment showed that, taking

a "lean" individual of normal weight, and one obese patient, and feeding them their habitual daily diet, again substituting aspartame for sugar, the obese person still ate exactly the same amount of food as he did every day, despite the fact that it contained far fewer calories, but the lean patient ate more than normal in order to compensate for the reduction in calories in answer to his body's natural demands. Again, the obese person can obviously exist quite happily on fewer calories and will gradually burn off excess body fat.

Aspartame is soon to be introduced on the American market by General Foods in breakfast cereals, biscuits, cake mixes, late-night milky drinks and deserts.

But sugar is only one of the high-calorie culprits. Dr. Van Itallie is working on something which could have much more startling consequences: a substitute fat called sucrose polyester, literally a "plastic" fat.

Though a long way from being approved for public use, it is a substance which could be used in baking and frying (something for which existing low-calorie fats are inefficient). It contains very few calories and slips straight through the system. "You see," explained Dr. Van Itallie, "this means I can produce what is in essence a complete "non-meal".

If an overweight person consumes three of his six snack meals per day in the guise of non-meals, he would halve his calorific intake without forfeiting any of his oral pleasure. In Dr. Van Itallie's words, he would get "the hedonic satisfaction without the calorific penalty."

Experiments on such fats are in their very early stages, and although aspartame has been more or less cleared of harmful side effects, the body's tolerance of sucrose polyester is not yet widely researched.

It may seem absurd that we are now having to manufacture chemical substitutes for "natural" foods. But Dr. Van Itallie takes a less outraged view. To him all foodstuffs are chemical. And it is one of the functions of our 20th century technology to come up with "new" foods to suit our life-style.

After all, if one of the side effects of our traditional diet is obesity, with all its associated bazaars, there is little to recommend hanging on to it.

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Kitchen revolution

Electronics, gadgets work gourmet wonders

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CHICAGO — Electronics are starring in the kitchen. They're being used in program convection ovens and blenders and food processors as well as to calculate kitchen mathematics.

This is the news from the recent national Housewares Show held here at McCormick Place. Sponsored by the National Housewares Manufacturers Association, the show presents the latest in products to make kitchen chores easier for the homemaker. Items will be on the market in from three to six months.

Microprocessors which make possible the memory programs to defrost or time cooking, of different variable speeds on a food processor or blender are the key to modern housewares technology. These tiny chips of information are making work in the kitchen more pleasant and efficient.

Toastmaster introduced the memory system on its convection oven, where the homemaker can choose to broil, bake, slow cook, or convection cook. She also can select the time for cooking, start the oven even while she's away from home, and defrost frozen foods before starting to cook them.

Convection ovens are growing in importance as more and more manufacturers offer them. First to bring this idea from the commercial bakery was Farberware, which also has touchplate programs available for its latest design. The motion of the air created by a fan is said to increase cooking speed by one-third. Maxim, Cuisinarts, Moulinex and Rival offer convection ovens, and Sanyo has combined the microwave oven with a convection option.

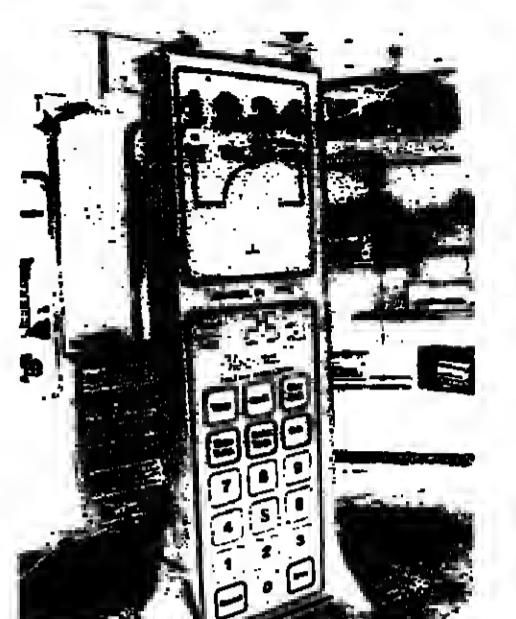
West Bend has introduced the computer for the kitchen, which makes it possible to halve or double recipes, convert from pounds and ounces to grams and from gallons and cups to liters and the other metric units. They call it the Kitchen Controller.

Then there's another electronic appliance, also from West Bend, called the Triple Timer which can keep tabs on the cooking of three items at once, via three separate channels which report on them independently through electronic tones and flashing light signals. Food processors which can be used to blend, mix, slice, and shred, soon will have accessories to mix and extrude pasta such as spaghetti or noodles. Robot Coupe and Cuisinarts showed prototypes of these attachments designed for use on their current models at the recent show.

Variable speeds for slicing and shredding also are a new twist to food processor operation. And manufacturers have developed ways to whip egg whites into delicate peaks with a food processor.

Some, like one designed by Sunbeam, has a side-mounted discharge chute. And newer models are made with larger feed tubes so two or three lemons or tomatoes can be sliced at the same time.

Toshiba and Sanyo have introduced another new word into the kitchen vocabulary.



GIANT CONTROLS: This display, which matches those found on Toastmaster models, shows how programs can be used.

Induction cooking. As homemakers may remember from physics classes in school, when an electric current is passed through wires surrounded by a copper ring, heat is produced. And that's what these companies are doing with the smooth glass countertop units they are offering.

For more than five years, Toshiba has been selling induction heating to its customers in Japan. Now it is available in the United States as well. This cooking method not only saves energy, but it also reduces burn hazards and makes cooking faster and with higher energy efficiency. The glass plate also is easy to clean.

While a number of companies are offering devices which make it possible to seal foods in plastic bags for freezing and then boil-in-the-bag cooking, others are presenting vacuum systems for keeping food fresh and withdrawing all the air from plastic bags. Spandex and Vacuum Fresh by Everfresh Company are the new items.

Among the new electrics are the omelet pan by Maxim; Braun's Minipimer Vario Blender — portable hand-held electronic blender that combines the functions of a wire whisk, rotary eggbeater, electric hand mixer and blender into one convenient appliance; Nesco's electric canner, which makes possible the canning of 4 pints at a time; and electric dutch ovens by Regal and Presto.

Osrrow has introduced a pasta maker which both mixes and extrudes the noodles and other shapes. Oster has recently added a puree and ricer attachment to its food processing system. And West Bend introduced a new food processing system which mixes, kneads dough, slices and shreds and blends as well as grinds meat.

The mixer operates with a single beater turning in one direction only, while also revolving around the stationary bowl. Planetary mixing action also is used for the dough kneader.

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International

Nicaragua protests U.S. flights Asks people to get ready against attack

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP) — Nicaragua on Wednesday protested U.S. overflights of its territory as a flagrant violation of international law and accused the United States of trying to convert Nicaragua into "another Chile." The government in Managua called for preparations against military attack.

Sandinista Cmdr. Jaime Wheelock, speaking at a Washington news conference, denied U.S. allegations that Nicaraguan pilots are being trained in Bulgaria but was vague on

European Parliament rejects Reagan policy on Salvador

STRASBOURG, Eastern France, March 11 (Agencies) — The European Parliament rejected here Thursday President Ronald Reagan's policy on El Salvador, in a resolution denying the legitimacy of the impending elections called by the military junta in the embattled Latin American state.

The resolution, passed by 84 votes to 59, with four abstentions, called for political dialogue between the El Salvador government and opposition. Washington's policy, the resolution said, would not lead to a political solution in El Salvador, and it expressed support instead for the mediation proposals suggested last month by President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico.

The resolution, which was put forward by the Socialist group and backed by the Communists and some liberals, said that the March 28 El Salvador election could not be regarded as a free one because political liberty was not guaranteed in El Salvador and political oppositionists were threatened with murder.

"These elections are a farce," West German Socialist Heidemarie Wieczorek-Seul said. "It is not a question of adopting a position against the United States, but it is time that European community made some under-

standings."

Spakers called for an end to the "horrible killing" in El Salvador and expressed regret that public opinion is less united over El Sal-

Haughey clashes with U.K.

LONDON, March 11 (AP) — Prime Minister Charles Haughey of the Irish Republic has clashed with the British government over strife-torn Northern Ireland after only one day in office, triggering speculation that relations between Dublin and London could sour and fuel the sectarian conflict in the province.

Only hours after being elected premier by the Dublin Parliament Tuesday, Haughey called for the "final withdrawal of the British military and political presence" from Northern Ireland. Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, James Prior, Tuesday testily dismissed Haughey's remarks as "totally unrealistic."

During a visit to a Northern Ireland factory Wednesday, Prior also took the staunchly nationalist Irish premier to task for saying that reunification of the partitioned emerald isle can only be negotiated between the Dublin and London governments.

Haughey ruled out any participation by the province's one million-strong Protestant majority. That was certain to deepen the distrust felt for Haughey by the Protestants, who violently oppose being merged with the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic Irish Republic.

"Haughey's bard-line" contradicts the proposition that reunification cannot proceed without their consent, a proposition to which Haughey subscribes on other occasions," The Times of London noted in an editorial.

Dynamic Guatemala policy assured

GUATEMALA CITY, March 11 (AP) — Gen. Angel Anibal Guevara, apparent winner in a presidential election marked by the opposition candidates' protest of irregularities, said he will give Guatemala a "dynamic foreign policy" to improve the country's image abroad.

Paraplegics get baby

TOKYO, March 11 (AFP) — A baby has been born to a paraplegic couple who conceived through artificial insemination, it was learned here Thursday. It was said to be the first time a man and a woman paralysed in the lower half of the body through spinal cord injuries had become parents through artificial insemination.

The baby, a girl, weighed 2.614 kilos at birth. The parents, both aged 28, have been confined to wheelchairs for several years following serious accidents. Their names were withheld.

whether Nicaragua plans to acquire MiG jet fighters from the Soviet Union.

Those allegations were made Tuesday by two top U.S. intelligence officials, who released aerial reconnaissance photographs depicting a massive military buildup that the Reagan administration claims poses a threat to other Central American nations.

The briefing was given by Adm. Bobby Inman, deputy director of the CIA, and James Hughes, a deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Wheelock, whose official title is agriculture minister and minister of agrarian reform, said his government has lodged an "energetic protest" with the United States over the flights. Nicaraguan officials said the protest was made to the American Embassy in Managua Wednesday morning.

Wheelock, who is in Washington as part of a Nicaraguan "diplomatic offensive" to counter U.S. claims about Nicaraguan policy, was imprecise in his discussion on possible purchases of Soviet equipment.

Wheelock said Nicaragua does not renounce the right to purchase military equipment from any country. He then said "There are no plans" to purchase MiG fighters an later called the U.S. claim an "exaggeration."

He then accused the United States of embarking on a campaign to oust the Nicaraguan government.

In Nicaragua, the Sandinista National Lib-

eration Front Directorate started organizing meetings around the country on Tuesday to tell citizens to make defense preparations.

Leaflets were distributed in the capital asking citizens to enroll in military courses Monday.

In Managua, Comandante Carlos Nunez,

a member of the Sandinista Directorate who serves as president of the council of state, said Wednesday the country had to prepare to defend "the sovereignty and conquests of the revolution."

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